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Indigenizing Pilgrimage:

*growing, identifying & localizing
transformative journeys*

May 7-10, 2015 – Concordia University
Montréal, Québec, Canada

Keynote speakers:

Simon Coleman is Chancellor Jackman Professor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. He is co-editor of the journal *Religion and Society*, and of the Ashgate Studies in Pilgrimage book series.



Raymond Aldred is Assistant Professor of Theology, Ambrose University (Calgary), and works with My People International. He is former Director for the First Nations Alliance Churches of Canada. He is status Cree.

*Conference entry cost (includes Friday reception):
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Conference convened by:

Matthew Anderson, (Department of Theological Studies, Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability)

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❖ Thursday May 7 *Sir George Williams (downtown) campus (room TBA)*

7:30-9:00pm **Film/Q&A:** Screening of *Dakota 38* (on the 330-mile horseback pilgrimage of reconciliation from Lower Brule, South Dakota to Mankato, Minnesota in memory of thirty-eight Dakota Sioux hanged in 1862, the largest mass-execution in US history). The screening will be followed by panel Q&A.

❖ Friday May 8 *Loyola campus (rooms TBA)*

10:00-10:30am **Welcome to Student Conference "Pilgrimage: Sacred Journeys"; WITW special Issue Launch**

10:30-12:00pm **Students' Morning Presentation Session**

12:00-1:00pm *Lunch break (list of recommended restaurants & cafes provided)*

1:00-2:00pm **Coffee & Art Break** (pilgrimage art and interactive mural construction)

2:00-2:30pm **Conversation with Artist in Residence:** Sawzan Al Saraf, multimedia artist and pilgrim

2:30-4:00pm **Students' Afternoon Presentation Session**

4:00-6:00pm *Free time (list of recommended restaurants & cafes provided)*

6:00-6:30pm **Registration**

6:30-6:45 **Indigenizing Pilgrimage Conference Opening & Welcome**

6:45-7:30pm **Film/Q&A:** Screening of *Under the North Star* (diaspora pilgrimage and the concept of home), followed by Q&A with film-maker, Dr. Matthew Anderson.

7:30-8:30pm **Opening Keynote Address:** Dr. Simon Coleman, University of Toronto

8:30-10:00pm **Wine & Cheese Reception**

❖ Saturday May 9 *Sir George Williams (downtown) campus (rooms TBA)*

9:00am **Coffee and Registration**

9:30-10:00am **Welcome Ceremony** (Aboriginal tradition in Canadian context)

10-11:30am **Morning Presentation Sessions 1.1; 1.2; 1.3**

11:30am-1:00pm *Lunch break (list of recommended restaurants & cafes provided)*

1:00-2:30pm **Afternoon Presentation Sessions 2.1; 2.2; 2.3**

2:30-3:00pm **Coffee Break**

3:00 -4:00pm **Closing Keynote Address**, Prof. Raymond Aldred, Ambrose University, Calgary

7:00 pm **Conference Dinner** (restaurant & cost TBA)

❖ Sunday May 10 *Field Trip: Vieux-Montréal*

1:00-2:30pm **Optional guided tour of the pilgrim chapel and museum of Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours**
Located in historic Vieux-Montréal (Old Montreal), the Chapelle has been a place of pilgrimage since the 17th century. Museum and archeological dig site.

Cost: \$15.00 FYI: Chapelle website : <http://www.marguerite-bourgeois.com/en/>

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Presentation Sessions Programme: Saturday May 9, 2015

Morning Presentation Sessions

Session 1.1 (10-11:30am) journey in indigenous traditions I

- **Danielle Moretti-Langholtz & Martin D. Gallivan** (College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA): "Return to Werowocomoco: Attempts to Re-Indigenize a Powhatan Sacred Site."
- **Buck Woodard** (Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA; American Indian Initiative, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, VA): "The Return of Indian Nations to the Colonial Capital: Heritage Relationships, Indigenous Pilgrimage and the Production of Native Public History."
- **Christine Jamieson** (Concordia University, Montreal, QC): "Journey in Aboriginal Spirituality."

Session 1.2 (10-11:30am) mapping pilgrimage

- **Alison Smith** (The Citadel, Charleston, SC): "Sacred, Filmic and Contested Spaces: Lourdes and Santiago."
- **Ann MacDonald** (St Paul University, Ottawa, ON): "Virtual Pilgrimage as Pathway to Spiritual Transformation."
- **Sébastien Caquard** (Concordia University, Montreal, QC): "Mapping Pilgrimage."

Session 1.3 (10-11:30am) pilgrimage, place and ancestry I

- **Sawsan AlSaraf** (Multi-media Artist, Montreal, QC): "*Rihla*: Re-presentation of a Diaspora-Nomad's Life."
- **Will Walker** (Independent Researcher, Montreal, QC) "Walking into the Wisdom of my Name: a Pilgrimage of Ancestral Reclamation and Indigenous Becoming."
- **Anne Vălitalo-Paré** (Independent Researcher, Montreal, QC) "Sung by the Journey, Voiced by the Earth – 'Yoiked' to Wisdom."

Afternoon Presentation Sessions

Session 2.1 (1:00-2:30pm) journey in indigenous traditions II

- **Pauline McKenzie Aucoin** (Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Montreal, QC): "Transitions and Meaning-Making in the Journey of *Nishiyuu*."
- **Garrett Cook** (Baylor University, Waco TX): "A Recurring Pattern in Mesoamerican Pilgrimage."
- **Sara Terreault** (Concordia University, Montreal, QC): "De Vieux-Montréal à Kahnawa:ké: pilgrimage and performative pedagogy."

Session 2.2 (1:00-2:30pm) pilgrimage as personal journey

- **Lesley D. Harman** (King's University College, Western University, London, ON): "The River, My Soul: Women of the Thousand Islands Journey Home."
- **Stacey Engels** (Independent Researcher, New York, NY): "The Ground beneath her Feet: the Artist as Seeker in the Big City of Dreams."
- **Larry Russell** (Hofstra University, *emeritus*, Long Island, NY): "Beyond the Site: the Amplification of Pilgrimage to Chimayó, New Mexico."

Session 2.3 (1:00-2:30pm) pilgrimage, place and ancestry II

- **Tahar Abbou** (University of Adrar, Algeria): "The Pilgrimage to Rakk Sidi Cheikh."
- **Matthew Anderson** (Concordia University, Montreal, QC): "The St Olaf Pilgrimage among Diaspora Scandinavians."
- **Eileen Moore Quinn** (College of Charleston, SC): "'Rocks Are His Written Words': the Cognitive and Mnemonic Dimensions of *An Turas Cholmcille*."