

CALL FOR PAPERS

Engaging Indigenous Communities: Resources, Rebellions, and Resurgence

August 9-13, 2010

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada

This conference is being undertaken in honour of the 1850 Robinson Treaties. The vision of the Anishinabeg leaders to protect our heritage and resources while sharing with the newcomers. It is this vision that remains as relevant today as it was 160 years ago. Contact between different peoples has resulted in a multitude of responses including peaceful interactions, uneasy relations, and far too often to war and genocide. Recognizing the autonomy of nations to determine their futures, including the allocation of resources, or the lack of such recognition, has sometimes been mediated by various types of agreements and treaties. It is through access to, or exploitation of resources (i.e. human, land, forest, mineral, water, and animal), that the colonial project has had the greatest affect on Indigenous peoples and Indigenous peoples on the colonial project. Thus the focus of the conference will be on exploring Indigenous peoples' perspectives on resources, and the moments in history (and in present day) when Indigenous peoples have fought (peacefully or otherwise) to protect those resources. It is the contemporary resurgence of Indigenous perspectives and understandings or appropriate relationships to resources that we hope informs the conference. The conference will begin on the 9th with registration and at conclude at noon on the 13th of August.

Presentations on the following themes are encouraged with other related proposals welcome

- ◆ How do Indigenous communities define 'resources'?
- ◆ How do Indigenous communities regulate/relate/engage with resources?
- ◆ How have historical neglect, misrepresentation, misunderstandings affected Indigenous communities' relationships with their resources?
- ◆ How have agreements and/or treaties protected/attempted to protect resources?
- ◆ Are treaties valid methods to protect resources?
- ◆ How have community-university partnerships advanced Indigenous access to and/or protection of resources?
- ◆ How have universities forwarded exploitation of Indigenous people and resources?
- ◆ How can a relationship between the larger society and Indigenous people be shaped to benefit the environment?

Individual papers and panel submissions are welcome. Please submit a 250-350 word proposal for individual papers and 250-500 word proposal for panels. Please submit you proposals electronically by email or mail to the address below. **The deadline for submissions is 8 January 2010.** For further information please contact

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