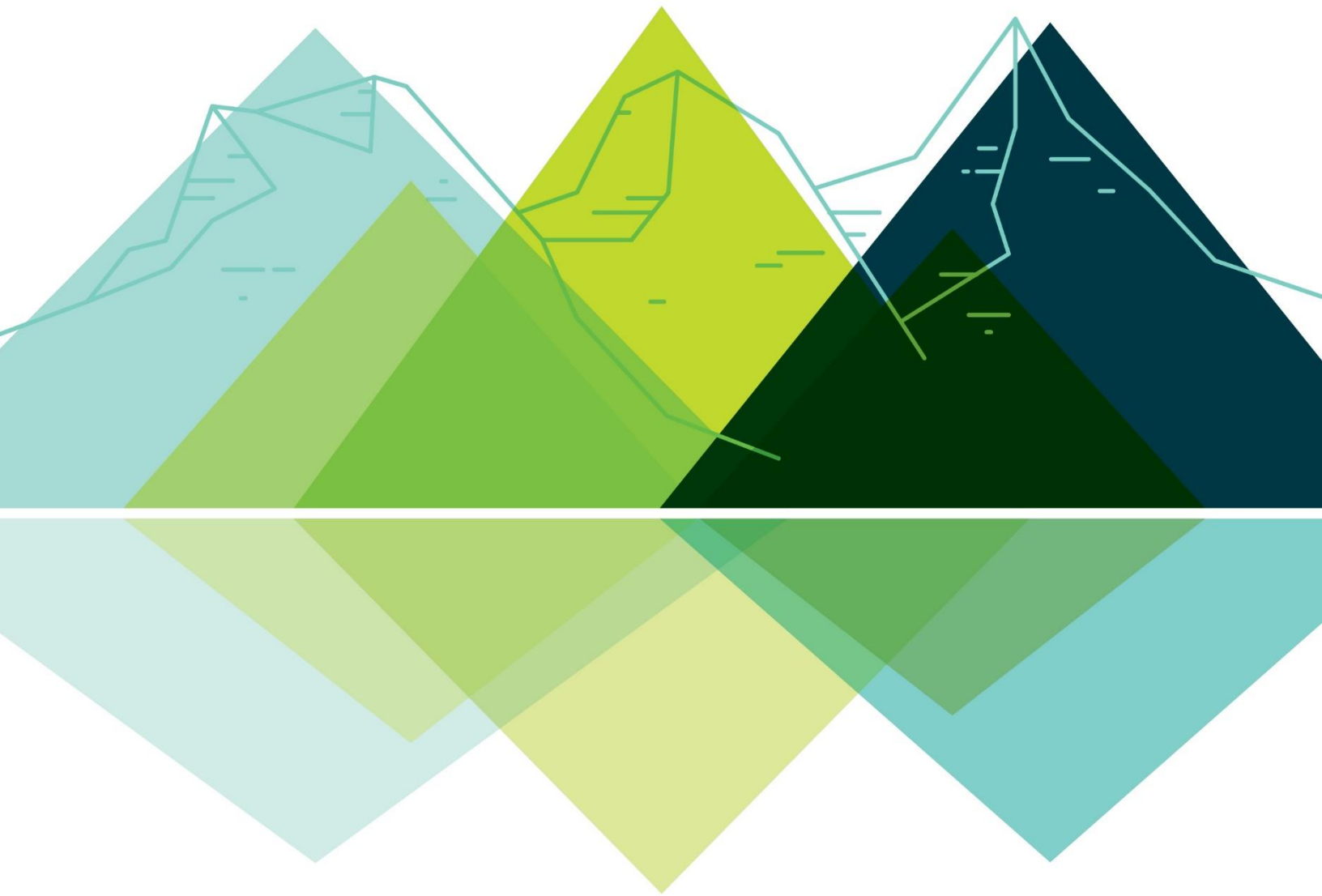


# CONFERENCE 2018

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**CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS:**  
MUSEUMS AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
**September 20-22** | Canmore, AB

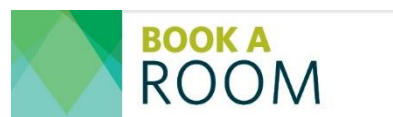


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## CONFERENCE-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018			
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR</b> History, Mines, and the Environment	<b>Gerry Stephenson</b> Local Historian and Storyteller	Tour departs from and returns to the Canmore Museum & Geoscience Centre
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP</b> Governance Made Fun	<b>Yvonne Chenier</b> , Legal Counsel, Drache Aptowitz LLP and Chair, IntergralOrg; <b>Bill Peters</b> , President, Bill Peters Consulting; <b>Betty Thompson</b> , President, IntegralOrg	Cougar / Grizzly Room
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Awards Dinner and Celebration		Wildrose Ballroom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018		
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Concourse
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Trade Show	Wildrose Ballroom
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Opening Remarks	Wildrose Ballroom





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<p>9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Opening Plenary: Finding the Path</p> 	<p>Moderator <b>Robert R. Janes, PhD</b> Founder and Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice</p> <p>Presenters <b>Paulette M. Fox</b>, President, Harmony Walkers Inc.; <b>Cathy Molloy</b>, Director, Markham Museum; <b>Gareth Thomson</b>, Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education; <b>Dr. Joe Vipond, MD</b>, Board Member, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment</p>	<p>Wildrose Ballroom</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Networking Break with Trade Show Exhibitors</p>		<p>Wildrose Ballroom</p>
<p>10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Exhibiting Climate Change</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Bawden</b>, Science Director, Telus World of Science Edmonton; <b>Alwynne B. Beaudoin, PhD</b> Head Curator, Earth Sciences, Royal Alberta Museum; <b>Georgia Ohm</b>, Exhibit Project Coordinator, Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology</p>	<p>Cougar / Grizzly Room</p>
	<p>Advice from a River: Stay Current</p>	<p><b>Kathy Coutts</b>, Museum Specialist; <b>Jaime-Brett Sine</b>, Education Program Specialist, Okotoks Museum and Archives</p>	<p>Wolverine Room</p>
	<p>Agents of Change at the Mercy of Change: Field Work, Extreme Weather, and Environmental Stewardship</p>	<p><b>Jessica Jeninga</b>, Visitor Services Intern, Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site; <b>Amy Leedham</b>, Independent Museum Professional; <b>April Robin Martinig</b>, Doctoral Candidate; <b>Misty Leigh Underwood</b>, Doctoral Candidate, University of Alberta</p>	<p>Squirrel Room</p>
<p>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Networking Lunch</p>  <p>Proudly Canadian</p> <p>Presentation by the Pembina Institute</p> 		<p>Wildrose Ballroom</p>



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1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Collections Conundrums and Sustainability	<b>Walter Brooks</b> , Collections Assistant, Army Museum of Alberta; <b>Cassandra Cummings</b> , Historical Specialist, Calgary Stampede; <b>Gail Niinimaa</b> , Textile Conservator & Museum Consultant, Niinimaa Enterprises, Inc.	Cougar / Grizzly Room
	Fire & Ice: The Art of Climate Change	<b>Laura Lynes</b> , Chair, The Rockies Institute Board of Governors; <b>Shawn Marshall, PhD</b> Professor of Geography, University of Calgary	Wolverine Room
	Designing Sustainable Museums	<b>David Jensen</b> , D. Jensen & Associates Ltd.; <b>Scott Marsden, PhD</b> , Independent Curator; <b>Madison Sharman</b> , Operations and Programming Manager, Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage	Caribou Room
	An Art / Science Alliance: Looking at Art Galleries and Exhibitions as Socially Engaged Spaces	<b>Christine Clark</b> , Assistant Professor of New Media; <b>Miranda Lucas</b> , Doctoral Student; <b>Maria Madacky</b> , Doctoral Student, University of Lethbridge	Squirrel Room
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Trade Show Reception		Wildrose Ballroom
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Addressing Climate Change in your Organization: A Practical Conversation	<b>Naomi Grattan</b> , Advisory Group Member; <b>David Jensen</b> , Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice; <b>Todd Nivens</b> , Executive Director, Kerry Wood Nature Centre and Historic Fort Normandeau	Cougar / Grizzly Room
	“I have an old...”: A Sustainable Approach to Artifact Collecting	<b>Kevin MacLean</b> , Collections Technician, Galt Museum & Archives	Caribou Room
	Learning Journey: The Art of Climate Change	<b>Karen Barkley</b> , Project Manager, The Rockies Institute; <b>Diandra Bruised Head</b> , Project Coordinator, Blood Tribe Management; <b>Star Crop Eared Wolf</b> , Visual Artist	Wolverine Room
6:00 p.m.	Busses depart to the Mountain Mixer		Depart from the Hotel Lobby
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Mountain Mixer  <small>A MEMBER OF THE TOTAL TRANSPORTATION GROUP OF COMPANIES</small>   		Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and the Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada – Parks Canada
9:30 p.m.	Busses depart for the Coast Canmore Hotel  <small>A MEMBER OF THE TOTAL TRANSPORTATION GROUP OF COMPANIES</small>		Depart from the Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada – Parks Canada



# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018			
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration	Concourse	
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Wildrose Ballroom	
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Museum Footprints: Rethinking Cultural Models of Sustainability	<b>Camille-Mary Sharp</b> , Doctoral Candidate; <b>Lana Tran</b> , Master’s Student, University of Toronto	Cougar / Grizzly Room
	Overcoming Assumptions and Stereotypes: How the Calgary Stampede Positions itself as a Community Leader	<b>Kristina Barnes</b> , Communications Manager, Western Events and Agriculture; <b>Christine Leppard</b> , Historical Specialist; <b>Aaron Park</b> , Calgary Stampede	Wolverine Room
	Education and Hope about the Future of Climate Change	<b>Gareth Thomson</b> , Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education	Caribou Room
	Growing Culture and Cultivating Audience Engagement	<b>Tracey Leavitt</b> , Coordinator, Millet and District Museum and Archives; <b>Madison Sharman</b> , Operations and Programming Manager, Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage	Squirrel Room
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Networking Break and Annual General Meeting Registration	Concourse	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Annual General Meeting and Lunch <i>*Note: following the Annual General meeting and lunch, please change into more comfortable clothing for the outdoor walking tours.</i>	Wildrose Ballroom	



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12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Hike of the Bow River Valley	<b>Rachel Gauk</b> , Director; <b>Doug Latimer</b> , Director, Shadow Light Productions Ltd.	Session departs from the Wolverine Room
	Learning on the Land: Environmental Leadership for Museum Educators	<b>Todd Nivens</b> , Executive Director; <b>Tanya Wells</b> , Special Events Coordinator & Public Programmer, Kerry Wood Nature Centre and Historic Fort Normandeau	Session departs from the Caribou Room
	The Bison Reintroduction Project	<b>Caroline Hedin</b> , Bison Public Outreach Officer, Banff National Park	Session departs from the Squirrel Room
	Historical Walking Tour of Canmore	<b>Lauren Wheeler</b> , Program Lead, Alberta Museums Association	Session departs from the Cougar / Grizzly Room
	Exploring the Relationship Between Place and Traditional Knowledge	<b>Paulette M. Fox</b> , President, Harmony Walkers Inc.	Wildrose Ballroom
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Closing Plenary: Continuing the Journey	Moderator <b>Robert R. Janes, PhD</b> Founder and Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice  Presenters <b>Paulette M. Fox</b> , President, Harmony Walkers Inc.; <b>Cathy Molloy</b> , Director, Markham Museum; <b>Gareth Thomson</b> , Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education; <b>Joe Vipond, MD</b> , Board Member, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment	Canmore Seniors Association Drop-In
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Rock the Rockies! <b>AMBIENTINTERACTIVE</b>		Canmore Museum & Geoscience Centre 



# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

### PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR HISTORY, MINES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Transportation provided.

Tour departs from and returns to the Canmore Museum & Geoscience Centre



Enjoy a September afternoon in the fresh mountain air while getting to know Canmore's underground history. Gerry Stephenson, former Head Engineer of Canmore Mines and a renowned local historian and storyteller, will lead a tour customized for the AMA Conference. Find out what remains of the No. 1 and No. 2 mines, explore Quarry Lake (a reclaimed former strip mine), and get a sense of some of the challenges of coal mining in greater Canmore. We will also learn about the life of a coal miner and hear how Gerry has used up four of his nine lives.

**Gerry Stephenson**, Local Historian and Storyteller

*Note: This Pre-Conference tour will take place outdoors and will involve some walking. For more information about the tour's accessibility, please contact the AMA.*



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## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP GOVERNANCE MADE FUN

**1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Cougar / Grizzly Room

This session will explain how good governance can transform your museum and enhance communications within an organization. Speakers will present the legal aspects of non-profit management, cover the financial responsibilities of good governance, and answer questions about the Canada Revenue Agency. Think of it as a deep dive into non-profit governance – without going off the deep end!

*Note: It is recommended that workshop attendees have completed the AMA's Certificate in Museum Studies Governance Course and / or have a strong understanding of non-profit governance.*

**Yvonne Chenier**, Legal Counsel, Drache Aptowitz LLP and Chair, IntergralOrg; **Bill Peters**, President, Bill Peters Consulting; **Betty Thompson**, President, IntegralOrg

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## AWARDS DINNER AND CELEBRATION

**7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

Kick off your conference experience with the Opening Reception in the Wildrose Ballroom. Following the reception, the Awards Ceremony will celebrate the exceptional work and innovative thinking of the Alberta museum community by recognizing the 2018 Leadership Awards recipients, the 2018 graduates of the Certificate in Museum Studies Program, and honouring the 2018 recipient of the Robert R. Janes Award for Social Responsibility.

*Business Formal Dress. Plated Diner. Cash Bar.*

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# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

### REGISTRATION

**7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Concourse

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### TRADE SHOW

**8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

Visit our Trade Show exhibitors in the Wildrose Ballroom to learn about the latest products and trends in the museum sector.

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### BREAKFAST AND OPENING REMARKS

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

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### OPENING PLENARY: FINDING THE PATH

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

We all know that museums are stewards of our shared humanity, but did you also know that museums can be invaluable to society as visionaries and problem-solvers, working to create a more just and equitable future? Museums can be leaders in many fields, particularly at the frontlines of climate change and environmental issues. This plenary will take a health and well-being approach to environmental justice, exploring the interrelationship of traditional knowledge, environmental education, and the quest for a net zero building. It will set the tone for the rest of the conference, inspiring delegates to think big while planning how to implement ideas in their own museums and communities.

#### MODERATOR

**Robert R. Janes, PhD**, Founder and Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice

#### PRESENTERS

**Paulette M. Fox**, President, Harmony Walkers Inc.; **Cathy Molloy**, Museum Director, Markham Museum; **Gareth Thomson**, Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education; **Dr. Joe Vipond, MD**, Board Member, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment





# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

## NETWORKING BREAK WITH TRADE SHOW

**10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### Exhibiting Climate Change

Cougar / Grizzly Room

How can museums best present climate change in an era of fake news, public mistrust of experts, and the politicization of science? This panel discussion will explore tactics to exhibit and communicate environmental issues effectively, especially with regard to contextualizing climate change caused by human activity. It will also profile upcoming exhibits that will broach these often polarizing subjects. Panellists will discuss some of their personal successes and challenges in engaging the public around climate change and share strategies for communicating this frequently misunderstood topic.

**Jennifer Bawden**, Science Director, Telus World of Science Edmonton; **Alwynne B. Beaudoin, PhD**, Head Curator, Earth Sciences, Royal Alberta Museum; **Georgia Ohm**, Exhibit Project Coordinator, Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology

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### Advice from a River: Stay Current

Wolverine Room

Much as a river changes and flows, museums need to remain current and be fluid. In this session, presenters will focus on a number of examples of how they “stay current” when addressing environmental topics. Participants will learn how the environment has shaped, and continues to shape, the community of Okotoks. The speakers will share their creative approaches to environmental engagement including river walks, online exhibits, outreach programming, and interactive digital spaces. Participants will be encouraged to wade into the discussion, share ideas, and work together to explore ways to address this defining issue of our times.

**Kathy Coutts**, Museum Specialist; **Jaime-Brett Sine**, Education Program Specialist, Okotoks Museum and Archives

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## CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

### **Agents of Change at the Mercy of Change: Field Work, Extreme Weather, and Environmental Stewardship**

Squirrel Room

Contemporary field work should involve a symbiotic relationship between the researcher and the environment. As Albertans are increasingly subjected to extreme weather patterns including floods, forest fires, and droughts, it is becoming clear that researchers and other museum professionals have an obligation to protect the natural environment from potentially destructive field work practices. In this panel session, speakers will explore the issues field workers encounter when combatting extreme weather, share personal experiences and best practices, and highlight the vital role that field workers can play in environmental stewardship.

**Jessica Jeninga**, Visitor Services Intern, Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site; **Amy Leedham**, Independent Museum Professional; **April Robin Martinig**, Doctoral Candidate; **Misty Leigh Underwood**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Alberta

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### **NETWORKING LUNCH AND PRESENTATION BY THE PEMBINA INSTITUTE**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom



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### **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

#### **Collections Conundrums and Sustainability**

Cougar / Grizzly Room

As collections are at the heart of every museum, it is critically important to include them in discussions about sustainability and the environment. In this participatory session, presenters will talk about various collections challenges, including how best to deal with hazardous materials, deteriorating objects, and problems resulting from too little storage capacity. This practical advice will empower museum professionals to find creative solutions to collections issues, continue efforts to green their practices, and make their collections more sustainable.

**Walter Brooks**, Collections Assistant, Army Museum of Alberta; **Cassandra Cummings**, Historical Specialist, Calgary Stampede; **Gail Niinimaa**, Textile Conservator & Museum Consultant, Niinimaa Enterprises, Inc.



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### **Fire & Ice: The Art of Climate Change**

Wolverine Room

Fire & Ice: The Art of Climate Change, presented by the Canadian Rockies Engagement Project for Seniors, invited seniors to share the effects of climate change photography. In this session, participants will learn more about this unique engagement initiative, get tips on how they can use their venues and public trust to build stronger connections with those working to address environmental issues, and facilitate cross-generational conversations around the daunting issues facing our planet.

**Laura Lynes**, Chair, The Rockies Institute Board of Governors; **Shawn Marshall, PhD**, Professor of Geography, University of Calgary

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### **Designing Sustainable Museums**

Caribou Room

Permanent exhibit spaces can be expensive to build, difficult and costly to change, and produce unnecessary waste. This session will explore how museums can become more efficient, sustainable, and responsive to their communities by building flexible exhibit spaces, with examples from museums that have applied these techniques with limited resources. This session will also explore the relationship between museums and their communities, and how the heritage sector can increase its accessibility and relevance. Participants are encouraged to bring their own experiences and ideas for an informal and collaborative discussion.

**David Jensen**, D. Jensen and Associates, Ltd.; **Scott Marsden, PhD**, Independent Curator;  
**Madison Sharman**, Operations and Programming Manager, Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage

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### **An Art / Science Alliance: Looking at Art Galleries and Exhibitions as Socially Engaged Spaces**

Squirrel Room

Join the members of the Lichen Lab, an interdisciplinary research group at the University of Lethbridge, to examine how galleries and museums can be socially engaged spaces that provide environmental programming to their audiences. In this panel, participants will explore how, and if, content within the gallery environment is engaging audiences, discuss how an art exhibition about the importance on water in our lives successfully engaged new immigrant communities, and investigate the urban ecology of a southern Alberta city.

**Christine Clark**, Assistant Professor of New Media; **Miranda Lucas**, Doctoral Student; **Maria Madacky**, Doctoral Student, University of Lethbridge

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## **TRADE SHOW RECEPTION**

**2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom



Join our Trade Show Exhibitors as they showcase the latest museum-related products and services. This reception is the perfect opportunity to mingle with your colleagues and unwind with some refreshments after a day of engaging sessions.

*Light Hors d'Oeuvres. Cash Bar.*



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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Addressing Climate Change in your Organization: A Practical Conversation**

Cougar / Grizzly Room

The Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice was created to assist museums in building programmatic and operational capacity to help address climate change. This session will deepen the discussion that was started at the AMA's 2017 Conference. Todd Nivens will discuss the many practical steps his organization has taken with regards to sustainability. Following presentations from the speakers, participants will split into small breakout groups to explore how these ideas can be applied in their own workplaces. Expect to leave this session inspired!

**Naomi Grattan**, Advisory Group Member; **David Jensen**, Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice; **Todd Nivens**, Executive Director, Kerry Wood Nature Centre and Historic Fort Normandeau

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### **"I have an old...": A Sustainable Approach to Artifact Collecting**

Caribou Room

Memories – donors' intangible connections to their objects – are often more fragile than the objects themselves. In this session, delegates will learn how to capture donor conversations at the point of donation, use resources more efficiently, and focus on quality as opposed to quantity in collections. The session will also explore issues of provenance, advocate a holistic and layered approach to collecting, and provide advice to ensure that artifacts have countless entry points for interpretation, personal connection, and use.

**Kevin MacLean**, Collections Technician, Galt Museum & Archives

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### **Learning Journey: The Art of Climate Change**

Wolverine Room

Indigenous people in Canada have a deep connection with the land, one that they can share with settlers to help us all become better stewards of our shared environment. Museums offer a wealth of historical knowledge and are trusted, safe spaces for learning and exploration. In this session, participants will see how museums and traditional knowledge can come together by experiencing climate change from the perspective of six youth from the Kainai First Nation through photographs, video, and other mediums. Participants will experience and learn how museums can be active participants in sharing knowledge and building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

**Karen Barkley**, Project Manager, The Rockies Institute; **Diandra Bruised Head**, Project Coordinator, Blood Tribe Management; **Star Crop Eared Wolf**, Visual Artist



# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

## MOUNTAIN MIXER

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada – Parks Canada Transportation Provided. Busses depart at 6:00 p.m. from Hotel Lobby.



Enjoy a mixer with your colleagues in the beautiful Rocky Mountains! This offsite event begins at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, where attendees will enjoy tapas and entertainment, and continues on to the Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada – Parks Canada where delegates will wrap-up the night with a tour of the site and a selection of fine desserts and hot beverages.

*Mountain Casual Dress. Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres. Cash Bar.  
For more information about the event's accessibility, please contact the AMA.*



Cave and Basin  
National Historic Site

Lieu historique national  
Cave and Basin

**TOTAL** FINE ARTS  
A MEMBER OF THE TOTAL TRANSPORTATION GROUP OF COMPANIES

**WHYTE** Museum of the Canadian Rockies  
*where people and people meet*





# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAM

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

### REGISTRATION

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
Concourse

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### BREAKFAST

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
Wildrose Ballroom

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### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Museum Footprints: Rethinking Cultural Models of Sustainability**  
Cougar / Grizzly Room

How does a nation's economic reliance on natural resource industries enable or limit museums' work towards environmental sustainability? In this provocative panel, speakers will explore how cultural institutions negotiate the issue of climate change at organizational and day-to-day levels, examine the backlash against oil sponsorship in museums across the globe, and learn about the rise of corporate, government, and grassroots initiatives in Japan that aim to engage communities with natural heritage through arts and culture.

**Camille-Mary Sharp**, Doctoral Candidate; **Lana Tran**, Master's Student, University of Toronto

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**Overcoming Assumptions and Stereotypes: How the Calgary Stampede Positions itself as a Community Leader**  
Wolverine Room

What do you think about when you hear the words "Calgary Stampede"? Join staff to discuss how they are working to overcome the stereotypes often associated with the Stampede, what they have accomplished to date, and hear about future plans to continue as leaders in disaster preparation, programming, and animal care. Discussions will focus on how to build relationships with the community, demonstrate the importance of community engagement and communications, and demonstrate how all types of organizations can be leaders in sustainability.

**Kristina Barnes**, Communications Manager, Western Events and Agriculture; **Christine Leppard**, Historical Specialist; **Aaron Park**, Calgary Stampede

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## **Education and Hope about the Future of Climate Change**

Caribou Room

Teaching about climate change is challenging; how do we give people the information they require while also giving them hope and inspiring them to make change? This interactive session will introduce the Alberta Council for Environmental Education (ACEE)'s publication "What is Excellent Climate Change Education?", which lays out research-based recommendations on how to successfully frame climate change for different audiences. Participants should come prepared to break into groups and discuss how to weave environmental education into their museum's programming.

**Gareth Thomson**, Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education

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## **Growing Culture and Cultivating Audience Engagement**

Squirrel Room

A healthy museum is like a garden: vibrant, dynamic, and in a constant state of change and renewal. In this session, delegates will learn that museums can literally include gardens, yielding a rich harvest for all involved. Presenters will discuss Millet and District Museum and Archive's partnership with Communities in Bloom – and their Heritage Garden – and the Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage – which became more sustainable by creating learning opportunities for Indigenous medicinal practices. This presentation is especially geared towards small- and medium-sized museums as it focusses on easy to execute ideas that can yield big rewards!

**Tracey Leavitt**, Coordinator, Millet and District Museum and Archives; **Madison Sharman**, Operations and Programming Manager, Northern Rockies Museum of Culture and Heritage

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## **NETWORKING BREAK AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REGISTRATION**

**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Concourse

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Wildrose Ballroom

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## OFFSITE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

*Note: Most of the offsite breakout sessions will take place outdoors and will some involve walking. For more information about the events' accessibility, please contact the AMA. There is no additional fee for these sessions; however, pre-registration is required to ensure appropriate group sizes for each session.*

### **Hike of the Bow River Valley**

Session departs from the Wolverine Room

*Please contact the AMA for more information about this event's accessibility*

Stretch your legs, dress for the weather, and head outside to join Canmore locals Rachel Gauk and Doug Latimer on a hike of the Bow River Valley. This hike will include a talk on local culture, natural history, and sustainability.

**Rachel Gauk**, Director; **Doug Latimer**, Director, Shadow Light Productions Ltd.

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### **Learning on the Land: Environmental Leadership for Museum Educators**

Session departs from the Caribou Room

*Please contact the AMA for more information about this event's accessibility*

Touching the land with your own hands can create a connection to place that encourages communities to care about nature and natural spaces. This adventure will teach museum educators how to create this connection, beginning with a brief in-room discussion about the value of environmental leadership, followed by an outdoor exploration of micro- and macro-habitats designed to show how small actions create large impacts. Dress appropriately – you might get wet! You will get dirty!

**Todd Nivens**, Executive Director; **Tanya Wells**, Special Events Coordinator & Public Programmer, Kerry Wood Nature Centre and Historic Fort Normandeau

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### **The Bison Reintroduction Project**

Session departs from the Squirrel Room

*Please contact the AMA for more information about the event's accessibility*

Join Parks Canada for a field trip to learn about the return of bison to Banff National Park after an absence of nearly 150 years. This landmark reintroduction project restores a keystone species to Canada's first national park, fosters cultural reconnection, inspires discovery, and enhances stewardship and learning opportunities. Take a nature walk while listening to stories of the legacy of bison in the Bow Valley and gain a deeper understanding of what their future as free-roamers looks like in Banff National Park.

**Caroline Hedin**, Bison Public Outreach Officer, Banff National Park

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## **Historical Walking Tour of Canmore**

Session departs from the Cougar / Grizzly Room

*Please contact the AMA for more information about this event's accessibility*

Lace up your walking shoes for a historical tour of Canmore! Former Canmorite Lauren Wheeler will take you along a scenic route from the Coast Canmore Hotel to the Closing Plenary, with lots of stops along the way to share stories of Canmore's past and examine the transformation of the town from coal mining centre to mountain resort.

**Lauren Wheeler**, Program Lead, Alberta Museums Association

*Please contact the AMA for more information about this event's accessibility*

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## **Exploring the Relationship Between Place and Traditional Knowledge**

Wildrose Ballroom

*Please contact the AMA for more information about the event's accessibility*

This workshop will provide participants with an experiential and interactive platform to engage with Indigenous knowledge holders and gain deeper insights into the relationship between language, culture and "place." *Akokatssin*, The Big Camp, is a Blackfoot Confederacy tradition that will be used to share teachings on biocultural diversity and the need for pluralistic approaches to support reconciliation, repatriation, and restoration.

**Paulette M. Fox**, President, Harmony Walkers Inc.

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## **CLOSING PLENARY: CONTINUING THE JOURNEY**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

Canmore Seniors Association Drop-In

After an afternoon connecting with the local environment, delegates will gather at the Canmore Seniors Association Drop-In to conclude the conference with a closing plenary. The presenters will report on what they heard throughout the conference, tying conversations to important issues and providing attendees with key takeaways.

MODERATOR

**Robert R. Janes, PhD**, Founder and Co-Chair, Coalition of Museums for Climate Justice

PRESENTERS

**Paulette M. Fox**, President, Harmony Walkers Inc.; **Cathy Molloy**, Museum Director, Markham Museum; **Gareth Thomson**, Executive Director, Alberta Council for Environmental Education; **Dr. Joe Vipond, MD**, Board Member, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

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# CONFERENCE 2018 **PROGRAM**

## **ROCK THE ROCKIES!**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Canmore Museum & Geoscience Centre



Following the Closing Plenary, walk across the street to the Canmore Museum & Geoscience Centre to close out your Conference experience in style with fun, food, and entertainment! Expect to dance to local musicians, taste beer from local breweries, and enjoy a few snacks from local vendors.

*Local Fare. Cash Bar.*

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