

## INDIGENOUS STUDIES SEMINAR SERIES SÉMINAIRE D'ÉTUDES AUTOCHTONES

10 mars / March 10  
5:00 - 6:30 PM  
McGill Campus, Ferrier 230

*We have the pleasure to announce a joint seminar to explore issues in Aboriginal education:*

*Louise Poirier will discuss the challenges that the Inuit community and the Kativik School Board saw in their students who were taught mathematics in French or English after having had the first three years of schooling in their own language. She will discuss the environmental and cultural influences on the Inuit numeral system, their ways of measuring (length, distance, time, etc.) and their great aptitudes in spatial representations. The collaborative project to develop teaching situations adapted to Inuit classrooms will also be explored.*

*Sandra Owén:nakon Deer-Standup will discuss her personal challenges and rewards of teaching Kanien'keha/Mohawk language and culture to young children using a variety of integrated activities. She will stress the importance of a culturally based curriculum, drawing on her years of experience as an educator in her home community of Kahnawà:ke.*

**Dr. Louise Poirier** is a professor and director of the Département de didactique in the Faculté des sciences de l'éducation at the Université de Montréal. She is also the Vice-president of the Commission for the Study and Improvement of Mathematics Teaching (CIEAEM).

**Ms. Sandra Owén:nakon Deer-Standup** is a Kanien'kehá:ka/Mohawk woman from Kahnawà:ke, Quebec and has been involved with Native Education for twenty years. She graduated from McGill University in the Native and Northern Education Certificate program, holds a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology, a certification in Early Childhood Education, and a certificate in Native American Studies from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Wine and cheese to follow

Suivi de vin et fromages

**Lieu** : campus de McGill, 230 Ferrier (840 avenue Docteur Penfield — entrez et descendez les escaliers qui sont en face de la porte; le local 230 est en bas, à droite).

**Location**: McGill campus, Ferrier 230 on McGill's campus (enter at 840 Doctor Penfield and go through the door directly opposite to the exterior entrance; walk down the stairs and the room is to your right).

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