



**First Nations Language Keepers Gathering
Workshop
Chris Scribe**

Title: Creating Decolonial Space for Language Learning & Indigenous Knowledge Revitalization

Presenter: Chris Scribe

Biography: Chris Scribe is Nakota/Cree, originally from the Kinosaeo Sipi Cree Nation, with roots in Poundmaker and Carry the Kettle. He currently serves as the Director of the Indian Teacher Education Program, University of Saskatchewan. He has a Bachelor of Education, Masters of Education and is currently a PHD Candidate and has served as a classroom teacher, Special Education Teacher, Vice Principal and Principal. Chris is the founder of ThinkIndigenous, an organization intended to create space for Indigenous knowledge and worldview in colonial structures. Raised by his grandmother, Chris carries with him the spirit of Nakota worldview, knowledge and teachings.

Abstract: The road to cultural revitalization needs education in order to be successful. The issue we face is that our current educational systems are modelled after a Colonial image therefore creating barriers to success. This presentation will break down the realities of “Indian Control of Colonial Education” and examine ways we can disrupt the system in place to create space for Indigenous knowledge to thrive in our young people. We will also explore innovative ideas and processes for creating Indigenous space for language and look at the role school leaders need to play in this movement.

Learning Outcomes: This workshop will:

- Create discussion on language revitalization and cultural knowledge in education.