



## FNLKC Conference Workshop Presenter

**Workshop Title:** Reclaiming Traditional Education

**Name of Presenters:** Shannon McNabb, Darren Courchene, Jarita Greyeyes

**Moderator:** Cory Generoux

**Biography:** Cory Generoux is nēhiyaw-Nakoda, born and raised in Saskatchewan and a member of Sturgeon Lake First Nation. He has enjoyed a 16 year media career that features award-winning films and television programs that has taken him around the world in many capacities. He was named the National Film Board of Canada's producer for Saskatchewan in 2011. Currently, he leads the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council communications unit, with a focus on Indigenous languages and technology.

**Biography:** Shannon McNabb is Plains Cree from the Peepeekisis First Nation. She teaches Kindergarten and Pre K on her home reserve. She holds Bachelor's Degrees in English literature studies, Linguistics and Education. From a very early age, she studied her Cree language through school. Today Shannon is a semi-fluent speaker and teaches her language in her classroom. She hopes to aspire to become a Cree teacher and continue to strengthen the speaker population in her community.

**Biography:** Darren Courchene, Anishinaabe from the Sagkeeng First Nation, has worked in the field of oral history documentation for over five years in two major projects which explored the spirit and intent of treaty negotiations between the representatives of the Anishinaabe peoples and the Crown. Darren has lectured on Treaty history, interpretation, negotiation, and implementation in national and international settings and is currently completing a PhD in Native Studies at the University of Manitoba.

**Biography:** Jarita Greyeyes is nēhiyaw from the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation and the Red Pheasant Cree Nation, both located in Treaty Six territory. She is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg and the University of Victoria's Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance program. Jarita is currently the Director of Community Learning & Engagement at the University of Winnipeg.

**Abstract:** Youth are becoming more involved in revitalizing First Nations languages. There are youth such as Shannon McNabb who has self-taught herself in three First Nations languages and while she continues to learn, she now teaches children. Other youth such as Darren Courchene and Jarita Greyeyes work at the post-secondary level and are involved in programming such as annual Ojibwe and Cree language courses and an intensive, land-based Indigenous language course, the Ojibwe Field School.

### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop, delegates will:

- Understand that youth have much to offer and contribute to in regards to First Nations languages revitalization