



Converge 2017

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February 6-7, 2017
Shaw Convention Centre
Ottawa, Ontario




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Canada.**





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McKinsey & Company and chair, Advisory Council
on Economic Growth

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Health break

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The next 50 years:
A Q&A with special guest

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**The path to Canada's future:
Education and reconciliation**
Luncheon and keynote address

Roberta Jamieson, president and CEO, Indspire

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Miskwêyitamowin: Reimagining the role of universities as partners in reconciliation

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The power of data

The business case for Canadian pluralism

Start with people: Co-designing the future

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The Blanket Exercise

Interactive Indigenous storytelling experience

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ▼ Room 213

Networking lunch

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. ▼ Room 214

Mobilizing Generation 2017

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 214

The possibility of Canada: A call to action

Closing address

His Excellency the Right Honourable
David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

Closing remarks



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Bright Minds. Bright Future.

What kind of Canada do we want in the next 50 years?

It's an important question for all Canadians as we celebrate our nation's 150th anniversary.

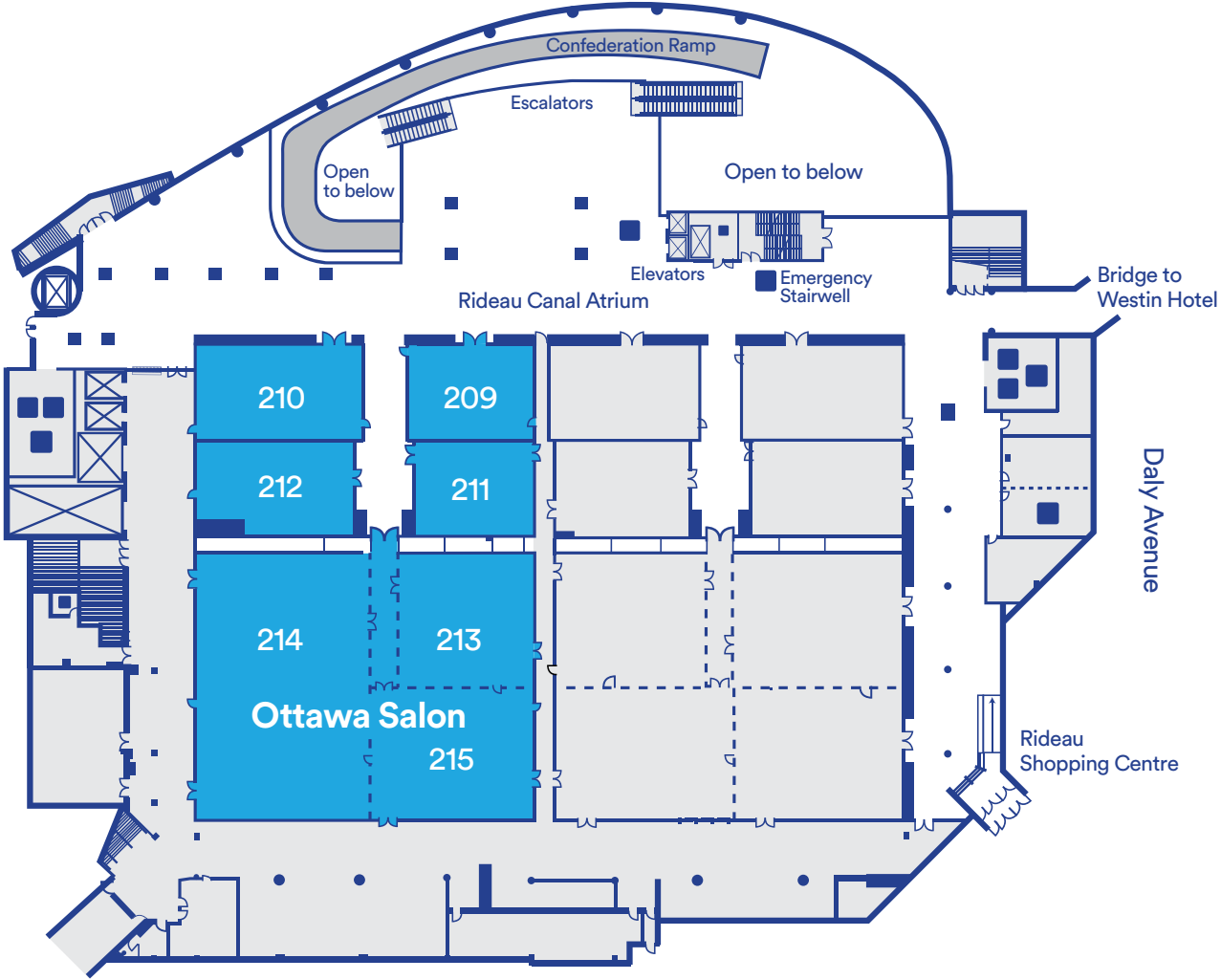
Universities across the country started the conversation in 2016 through *Mindshare*, a year-long speaker series promoting fresh thinking on policy issues critical to Canada's future. Canada's youth are adding their voices, sharing their aspirations for the future through the social media campaign **#MyCanada2067**.

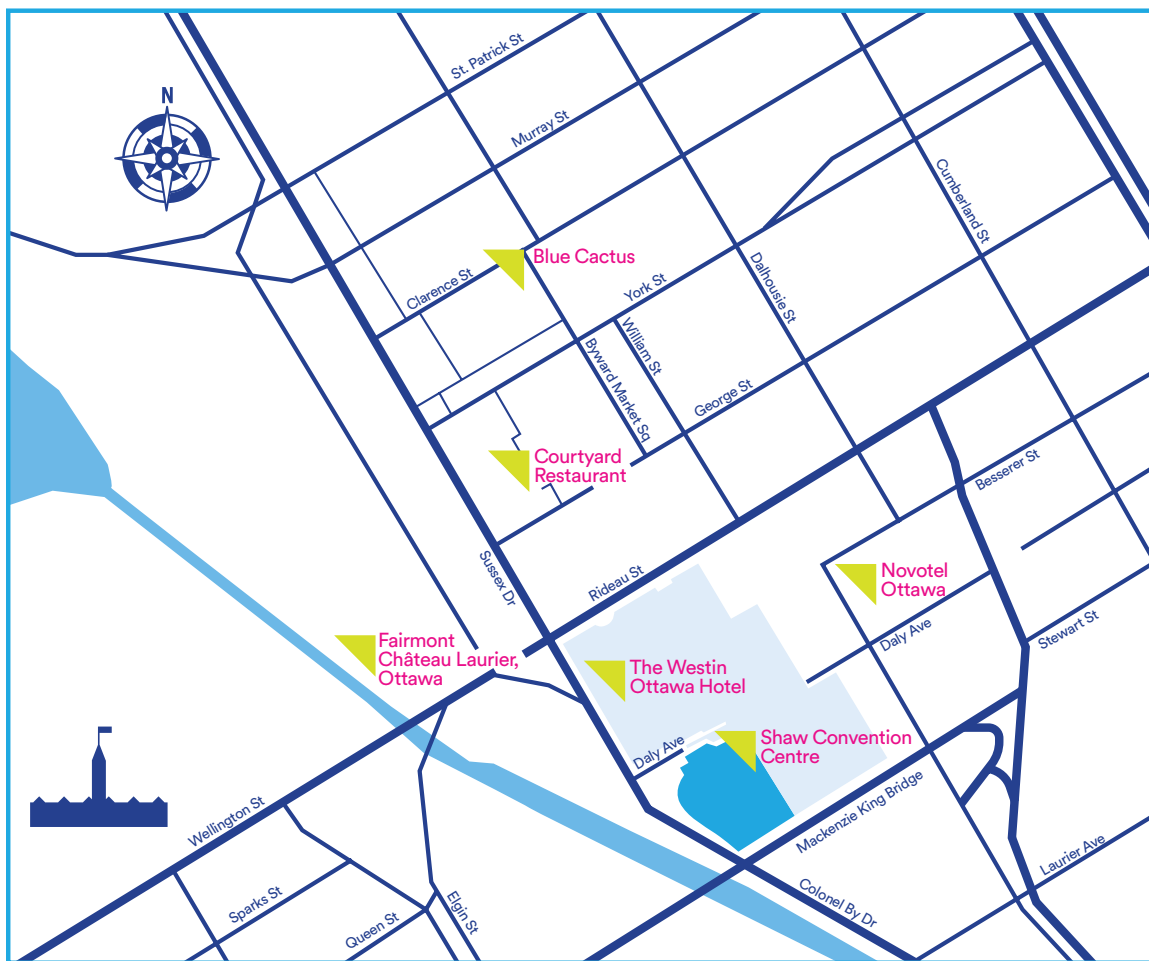
Now, Universities Canada is honoured to convene this exciting national event, featuring young Canadian leaders and innovators in dialogue with accomplished thinkers from universities, businesses, government and communities to help build an innovative, prosperous and inclusive Canada for 2067.

Over the next two days, we will discuss bold, ambitious visions of what Canada can – and should – become in the next 50 years. How will the power of pluralism help shape the future of our country? How do we advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples? How do we drive innovation led by creative, nimble and globally engaged citizens?

We hope you're as excited as we are to celebrate, reflect and be bold in committing to a better future for all Canadians.

#Converge2017





Downtown Ottawa

Blue Cactus Restaurant
2 Byward Market Square

Courtyard Restaurant
21 George Street

Shaw Convention Centre
55 Colonel By Drive

The Westin Ottawa Hotel
Rideau Centre,
11 Colonel By Drive

Novotel Ottawa
33 Nicholas Street

Introduction



Canada has all the right ingredients to be an international leader renowned for our inclusive, innovative and prosperous society. Achieving this kind of bold vision in the next 50 years requires the input of key members of our community, including the ideas, energy and talent of our youth.

Converge 2017 is about sharing and discussing those ideas, and unlocking the potential of our emerging leaders. Through Universities Canada, university presidents from coast to coast are pleased to bring young people together with established community, business and government leaders to explore what Canada can and should become by 2067.

Thank you for being a part of this dialogue and action planning. On behalf of Universities Canada's 97 members, welcome to Converge 2017.

Elizabeth Cannon

*President and vice-chancellor, University of Calgary
Chair, Universities Canada*

General information

Welcome to Converge 2017! We're pleased to have you with us to share ideas and plans for what Canada can and should become over the next 50 years. Here is some information to help you make the most of your Converge experience.

Registration/information: The registration and information desk is located on the second floor outside of the Ottawa Salon. Converge staff are sporting bright blue t-shirts – please let them know if you have any questions.

The keynote addresses and the town hall event will be livestreamed and can be viewed on our website (univcan.ca/converge) or on our Facebook page (facebook.com/UnivCanada)

Follow the conversation using the hashtag #Converge2017 on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



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- once connected, open your web browser
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- enter your access code: CONVERGE

Slido

Ask and vote on questions using your smartphone or device.

There are many ways to be part of the conversation at Converge 2017. At some sessions, we will be using Slido, an interactive platform for audience questions and voting.

Follow these simple steps to get ready:

- 1) Take out your smart phone or device.
- 2) Connect to our free Wi-Fi network.
(see details above)
- 3) Go to **slido.com**. It works on any device and you don't need to install anything.
- 4) Enter the event code **#1710** and select “Converge 2017.”

You can now use Slido to ask questions and vote on poll questions – the results of which will be displayed in real time.

Between sessions, please take advantage of Converge 2017 exhibits and interactive experiences.

100 years of loss: The residential school system in Canada

▼ Rideau Canal atrium (2nd floor)

This photo exhibit, presented by the Legacy of Hope Foundation, aims to educate, and to raise awareness and understanding of the legacy of residential schools, including the effects and intergenerational impacts on First Nations, Métis and Inuit. The exhibition also examines recent developments in healing and reconciliation.



Pop-Up Poetry

▼ Rideau Canal atrium (2nd floor)

Pop-up Poetry is an interactive poetic experience that brings poetry to the people. During break periods, get involved by providing the Pop-Up Poetry writers with a one-word topic. Over a short time frame, observe as a personalized poem takes shape from the keys of a vintage typewriter. The best part? The poem is yours to keep. Remember to take a photo and share it with the hashtag **#Converge2017**.



Derek Beaulieu

*Lecturer, department of English,
languages, and cultures,
Mount Royal University*
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Steve Giasson

*Conceptual artist; doctoral candidate,
Université du Québec à Montréal*
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Richard Harrison

*Professor, department of English,
languages, and cultures,
Mount Royal University*



Micheline Maylor

*Poet Laureate of Calgary,
2017-2018, lecturer, department of
English, languages, and cultures,
Mount Royal University*
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Sina Queyras

*Senior lecturer, English,
Concordia University*
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For a detailed biography of each of these poets, go to univcan.ca/converge.



#MyCanada2067 selfie station

Take a selfie with our marquee sign, and share your vision for Canada 50 years from now using the hashtag **#MyCanada2067** on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



Universities Canada would like to thank our partners in Converge 2017.



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Converge 2017 Youth Advisory Committee

Youth delegates from across Canada came together to form an advisory committee that worked to ensure the Converge 2017 program reflects the interests and ideas of Generation 2017: the generation that will drive our country towards 2067. Thank you to all members of the Youth Advisory Committee for contributing your ideas.

Paula Adler, *University of Ottawa*
Kiran Alwani, *The University of British Columbia*
Eddy Avila, *Western University*
Kevin Capuno, *University of Calgary*
Arctica Cunningham, *University of Northern British Columbia*
Samantha Delaney, *Memorial University of Newfoundland*
Anna Ehrhardt, *Concordia University*
Victoria Gagné, *McGill University*
Crystal Gao, *University of Toronto*
Sherif Goubran, *Concordia University*
Keyaira Gruben, *St. Thomas University*
Cameron Howey, *University of Lethbridge*
Matt Jalink, *Dalhousie University*
Sébastien Jetté, *TÉLUQ*
Norman Kearney, *University of Waterloo*
Susan Kim, *University of Victoria*

Audrey LaBrie, *University of Ottawa*
Thanh Ma, *University of the Fraser Valley*
Dayeon Min, *McGill University*
Haley Myatt, *Mount Saint Vincent University*
Maxwell Nicholson, *University of Victoria*
Michael O'Keefe, *Memorial University of Newfoundland*
Diana Pearson, *Vancouver Island University*
Melinda Phuong, *York University*
Nicholos Poulos, *Simon Fraser University*
Andrew Richards, *McMaster University*
Andrew Sheroubi, *The University of British Columbia*
Rebecca Smillie, *MacEwan University*
Kira Smith, *McGill University*
Alaine Spiwak, *Trent University*
Darren Touch, *University of Ottawa*

Converge 2017 Emcees



Myriam Fehmiu

Host,
Montréalité on MATv
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Myriam Fehmiu is a journalist and commentator for Télé-Québec, ICI Radio-Canada Télé and ICI Musique. She is host of the public talk show *Montréalité* on MATv.

Ms. Fehmiu can be heard regularly on ICI Radio-Canada Première and ICI Musique. She is also a reporter on the Télé-Québec show *Ça vaut le coût*.

She hosted the Radio-Canada morning show in British Columbia, appeared on the TV5 documentary series *21 jours* and the ICI Radio-Canada Télé magazine show *Par ici l'été*, and was a panellist on TV5 Monde's *300 millions de critiques*.

Myriam Fehmiu has a bachelor's degree in literature and communication and a certificate in journalism from the Université de Montréal. She held various positions in international aid before turning to journalism.



Shelagh Rogers

Chancellor, University of Victoria
Host and producer,
The Next Chapter, CBC Radio
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A veteran broadcast journalist, Shelagh Rogers is currently the host and a producer of *The Next Chapter*, a CBC Radio program devoted to Canadian writing. She moved to British Columbia in 2003 after 23 years working on cultural and current affairs radio programs with CBC.

In 2011, she was named an Officer of the Order of Canada for promoting Canadian culture, and for her volunteer work in the fields of mental health and adult literacy. Ms. Rogers has committed herself to working toward reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people from coast to coast to coast, and was inducted as an Honorary Witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in June 2011.

Ms. Rogers holds honorary doctorates from Western University, Mount Allison University, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Nipissing University and Vancouver Island University. She was the 2014 recipient of the Queen's University Alumni Humanitarian Award.

On January 1, 2015, Ms. Rogers became the 11th chancellor of the University of Victoria.

Sunday, February 5

Youth Advisory Committee meeting ▼ 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Youth delegates' dinner ▼ 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Blue Cactus, 2 Byward Market Square, Ottawa

Youth delegates from universities across Canada are invited to this pre-event dinner to network and kick-start their participation in Converge 2017.

Hosted by

Dominic Giroux

*President and vice-chancellor,
Laurentian University,
Vice-chair, Universities Canada*

Philip Landon

*Vice-president, governance and
programs, Universities Canada*

University presidents' dinner ▼ 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George Street, Ottawa

University presidents and chancellors are invited to this pre-event dinner.

Hosted by

Paul Davidson

*President and CEO,
Universities Canada*

Pari Johnston

*Vice-president, policy and public
affairs, Universities Canada*

Monday, February 6

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

▼ Rideau Canal atrium (2nd floor)

While you wait to register, fill a bag of essentials for donation to Cornerstone Housing for Women. Cornerstone provides emergency shelter and supportive housing for women in the Ottawa area. They are committed to public education and advocacy, and strive to increase safe, affordable housing to end homelessness.

Fill your bag before 1:30 p.m. today.

Networking breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. ▼ Room 213

Opening remarks

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. ▼ Room 214



Claudette Commanda
Algonquin Anishinabe, mother, grandmother, educator and knowledge keeper



Paul Davidson
President and CEO, Universities Canada
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Dominic Giroux
President and vice-chancellor, Laurentian University
Vice-chair, Universities Canada
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Monday, February 6

Small country, big impact

Keynote address ▼ 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. ▼ Room 214

How does Canada build a path to prosperity in the face of huge economic and demographic shifts? Dominic Barton will discuss the bold moves we can make to drive innovation and be a model for other nations during turbulent times.

Speaker

Dominic Barton

*Global managing partner,
McKinsey & Company
Chair, Advisory Council on
Economic Growth*

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In his 30 years with the global management consulting firm, Dominic Barton has advised clients in a range of industries including banking, consumer goods, high tech and industrials. Currently, he also serves as the chair of Canada's federal Advisory Council on Economic Growth.

In addition to being a board member on a number of business councils and foundations, including the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Mr. Barton is co-chair of the Focusing Capital on the Long Term initiative, which seeks to develop practical structures, metrics and approaches for longer-term behaviours in the investment and business worlds.

Co-author of *Dangerous Markets: Managing in Financial Crises* (2002) and *China Vignettes: An Inside Look at China* (2007), Mr. Barton has written more than 80 articles on the role of business in society, leadership, financial services, Asia, history and the issues and opportunities facing markets worldwide.

He graduated from The University of British Columbia with a BA Honours in economics and studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Brasenose College, Oxford University, where he is now an honorary fellow.

A moderated Q&A with the audience using Slido will follow the keynote address.

Monday, February 6

The Road to 2067

Panel discussion ▼ 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. ▼ Room 214

How do we build a future that embraces discovery and innovation, advances reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, drives prosperity and champions inclusion?



Stewart Beck
President and CEO
Asia Pacific Foundation
of Canada
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Jessica Bolduc
Executive director
4Rs Youth Movement
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Ian Bird
President
Community Foundations
of Canada
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Santa Ono
President and vice-chancellor
The University of British
Columbia
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Moderator



Suzanne Fortier
Principal and vice-chancellor
McGill University
Director, board of
Universities Canada
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Moderated Q&A with the audience using Slido will follow the panel presentations.

For a detailed biography of each of our speakers, go to univcan.ca/converge.

It's time to celebrate!

Universities across Canada are commemorating our sesquicentennial.

From coast to coast, Canada's universities are marking Canada's 150th anniversary with more than 250 special events throughout 2017.

At campuses and in communities across the country, Canadians young and old will reflect on our shared history and look ahead to a bright bold future.

Join us as we work to build a more inclusive and innovative Canada.

To learn what's happening at campuses near you, visit univcan.ca/150events



What do you want Canada to look like in 50 years?

“What I hope to see for Canada in 2067 is a society where young people feel engaged and feel like their voices make an impact.”

– Crystal Gao



Tell us using the hashtag [#MyCanada2067](https://twitter.com/MyCanada2067).



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Monday, February 6

The next 50 years: A Q&A with special guest

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ▼ Room 214

Our youth have the talent, drive and ideas needed to shape the innovative, prosperous and inclusive Canada of tomorrow. Converge 2017 youth delegates will share questions and ideas about how they envision Canada's future.

Moderated Q&A.

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Monday, February 6

The path to Canada's future: Education and reconciliation

Luncheon and keynote address ▼ 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ▼ Room 213

As we look ahead to 2067, what are the roads to reconciliation? How does education empower Canada's Indigenous youth and help them achieve their tremendous potential?

Speaker

Roberta Jamieson

President and CEO, Indspire

[@Indspire](https://www.indspire.ca)



Roberta Jamieson is a Mohawk woman from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory in Ontario, where she still resides. In November 2004, she was appointed president and CEO of Indspire, Canada's premier Indigenous-led charity named on *Financial Post's* Top 25 Charities. Under Ms. Jamieson's leadership, Indspire has disbursed over \$12.2 million to Indigenous students through 3,792 bursaries and scholarships. Ms. Jamieson is also executive producer of the Indspire Awards, a nationally broadcast ceremony honouring Indigenous achievement.

Ms. Jamieson has enjoyed a distinguished career of firsts. She was the first Indigenous woman to earn a law degree; the first woman Ombudsman of Ontario (1989-1999); and in December 2001, she was the first woman elected chief of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

She has earned numerous awards and has received 25 honorary degrees. She has been named three times to the Women's Executive Network's Top 100 list and is an officer of the Order of Canada.

Moderated Q&A with the audience using Slido will follow the keynote address.

Monday, February 6

Resetting the relationship: Advancing reconciliation within the university and beyond

Concurrent session ▼ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 209

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released 94 calls to action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. What can the academic community do to effect deep and transformative change?



Sheila Cote-Meek
*Associate vice president,
academic and Indigenous programs,
Laurentian University*
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Robina Thomas
*Associate professor and
director, Indigenous academic
and community engagement,
University of Victoria*



Ry Moran
*Director, National Centre for Truth
and Reconciliation, University
of Manitoba*
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Killulark (Laura) Arngna'naaq
*Director of finance,
Dechinta Centre for Research
and Learning*

Q&A Moderator



Annette Trimbee
*President, The University
of Winnipeg*

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Monday, February 6

Open doors, open Canada: Canada in an age of global migration

Concurrent session ▼ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 210

Amid growing geopolitical uncertainty, mass migration and refugee resettlement continue to be hot-button issues. How can we support new Canadians to succeed as valued members of an open, pluralistic and inclusive Canadian society?



Reis Pagtakhan
*Immigration lawyer
and partner, MLT Aikins*
[@ImmigrationReis](#)



Abdullah Snobar
*Executive director,
DMZ at Ryerson University*
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Dammee Sero
*Student refugee program
coordinator, WUSC*
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Michael Ungar
*Canada Research Chair in
Child, Family and Community
Resilience, Dalhousie
University*
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Q&A Moderators



Melanie Humphreys
President, The King's University
[@TheKingsUPrez](#)



Robert Summerby-Murray
*President and vice-chancellor,
Saint Mary's University*
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Monday, February 6

The power of art: Strengthening and celebrating pluralism through the arts

Concurrent session ▼ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 211

Art, in its many forms, provides us with tools to express and celebrate identity. How do the arts contribute to strengthening and promoting diversity throughout Canadian society?



Robert Diaz
*Assistant professor,
women and gender studies
institute, University of
Toronto*



Cissie Fu
*Dean, faculty
of culture and community,
Emily Carr University of
Art + Design*



Andrea Fatona
*Director, Curatorial and
critical studies graduate
program, OCAD University*



Julie Nagam
*Associate professor; chair in
Indigenous arts in North America,
The University of Winnipeg*

Q&A Moderator



Sara Diamond
President, OCAD University
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Monday, February 6

Breaking down barriers: Fostering a more inclusive Canada

Concurrent session ▼ 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 212

Drawing from personal and professional perspectives, speakers will reflect on what it takes to create a more equitable and inclusive Canada.



Aaron Devor
Chair, transgender studies,
University of Victoria



Tanya van Biesen
Executive director,
Catalyst Canada Inc.
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Joy Johnson
Vice-president, research,
Simon Fraser University
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Maayan Ziv
Founder & CEO, AccessNow;
and ambassador, Muscular
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Q&A Moderator



Vianne Timmons
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Monday, February 6

A kickoff for Canada 150

Reception

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ▼ Trillium ballroom (4th floor)

Remarks by



Paul Davidson
President, Universities Canada
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Christine Tausig Ford
Interim executive director, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
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Featuring



George Elliott Clarke,
Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate

George Elliott Clarke is the inaugural E.J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature at the University of Toronto.

His honours include the Governor-General's Award for Poetry, the National Magazine Gold Medal for Poetry, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship Prize, and an appointment to the Order of Canada at the rank of officer.

Dinner

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. ▼ Trillium ballroom (4th floor)

Remarks by



Elizabeth Cannon
President and vice-chancellor, University of Calgary
Chair, Universities Canada



The PepTides

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Photo: Andre Gagne

The PepTides is a nine-member band with a distinctive pop sound that draws on funk, electronic and disco influences.

"We are an eclectic community of musicians with a rainbow of identities: girls and guys, LGBTQ and allies, English and French, black and white and in between; Ukrainian, Mexican, Guyanese, Cree, Acadian, Armenian, Québécois and Scottish. We believe that diversity is the raw material of democracy — and that harmony makes our world better."

Tuesday, February 7

Bold thinking for Canada's future

Members of Parliament and youth delegate breakfast

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. ▼ Room 214

**Face-to-face conversations with Members of Parliament
on issues that matter to Canadian youth.**

Networking breakfast for all other participants

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. ▼ Room 213

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Tuesday, February 7

10 minutes to 2067

Concurrent sessions ▼ 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

Big forward thinking. In 10 minutes.

Thought-leaders from a range of disciplines give short talks about how to build a brighter future by addressing the major challenges of the 21st century.

▼ Room 209



Towards 2067: Solutions through research and innovation to sustain and improve our health care system

Gary Kobinger

Director CHUL and Centre for Research in Infectious Diseases, Université Laval



Technology 2067: Work less, play more (in French)

Jérôme Lapointe

PhD candidate, Polytechnique Montréal



The future is aging: Changing the story

Janice Keefe

Director, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Mount Saint Vincent University

▼ Room 210



At the digital crossroads of knowledge, democracy, security and dystopia

Ray Boisvert

Provincial security advisor, Government of Ontario



Toward optimizing human health: The promise of prevention-based wearable technologies

Breanne Everett

Co-founder, Orpyx Medical Technologies
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The Initiative for Indigenous futures

Jason Edward Lewis

University research chair, computational media and the Indigenous future imaginary, Concordia University

10 Minutes to 2067 is a *Big Thinking* event, hosted in partnership with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Big Thinking brings together leading researchers and decision makers to discuss pressing policy issues facing Canada. In 2017, *Big Thinking* brings forward-looking perspectives to policy issues that pertain to Canada's future.



Transform

Inspire

Challenge

Room 211



Energy justice
Imre Szeman
Professor of communications and cultural studies, University of Waterloo; director, Petrocultures East

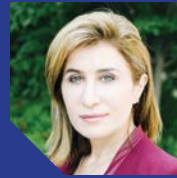
Room 212



The power of data (in French)
Valérie Bécaert
Director, Institut de valorisation des données (IVADO)
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Innovation beyond borders: Future global impacts of Canadian innovation from research to commercialization
Maryam Sadeghi
CEO and founder, MetaOptima Technology Inc
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The business case for Canadian pluralism
Bessma Momani
Associate professor, political science, University of Waterloo
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Miskwēyitamowin: Reimagining the role of universities as partners in reconciliation
Max FineDay
Co-executive director, Canadian Roots Exchange
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Start with people: Co-designing the future
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**How do we drive
innovation led by
creative, nimble
and globally
engaged citizens?**

Tuesday, February 7

The Blanket Exercise

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ▼ Room 214

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an experiential teaching tool that builds awareness and understanding of our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Participants walk through situations that include pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance.

By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise educates participants about Indigenous rights and history in Canada while increasing empathy and contributing to

reconciliation through education across the country.

Visit www.kairosblanketexercise.org for more information.

Please note that The Blanket Exercise walks through difficult experiences, such as Indian residential schools, the Sixties Scoop, and other policies that have affected Indigenous peoples. Cultural and health support will be provided during and after the exercise. Participants are not required to stay and are welcome to simply observe.

Mobilizing Generation 2017

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. ▼ Room 214

After two days of discussing the kind of Canada we want in the next 50 years, it's time to explore how we get there.

Developed in consultation with the Converge 2017 Youth Advisory Council, this interactive session allows participants to reflect and share ideas to help Canada achieve its potential for 2067. How can Canada empower our next generation of innovators, entrepreneurs and community leaders? Share your ideas and personal commitments for concrete action in 2017.

Participants will be provided with further instructions and guidance at the start of this dynamic, not-to-be-missed session.

The possibility of Canada: A call to action

Closing address ▼ 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ▼ Room 214

**His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston,
Governor General of Canada**

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David Johnston was born in Copper Cliff, Ontario in 1941. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, as well as law degrees from the University of Cambridge and Queen's University.

Before being asked to serve as Canada's 28th governor general in 2010, Mr. Johnston held the role of principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University and president and vice-chancellor of the University of Waterloo. He is the author or co-author of more than 25 books and is a companion of the Order of Canada.

As the governor general, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston's motto is CONTEMPLARE MELIORA, meaning "To envisage a better world." This motto refers to his belief in the abilities of all Canadians to imagine and create a smarter, more caring nation and contribute to a fairer, more just world.

The Governor General is focusing his mandate on strengthening the pillars of learning and innovation, philanthropy and volunteerism, and families and children. His Excellency has inspired and launched a number of major new programs and initiatives, including My Giving Moment and the Governor General's Innovation Awards. Additionally, he established the Rideau Hall Foundation as a means of strengthening the institution's ability to serve Canadians through a range of initiatives linked to leadership, education, innovation and giving.

In March 2015, His Excellency accepted a prime ministerial request to extend his mandate by two years, until September 2017.

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