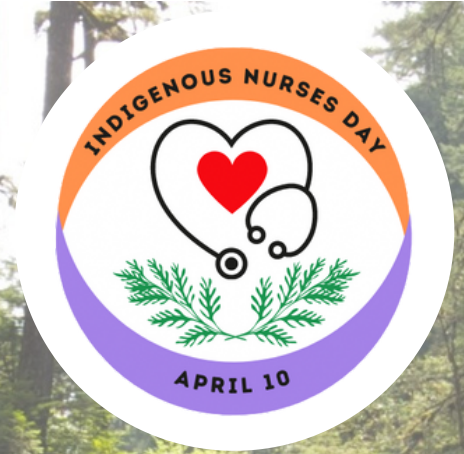


Honouring Indigeneity in Nursing: Past, Present and Future



Reflections by Distinguished Indigenous Nurse Leaders: A Webinar

Dr. Margaret P. Moss Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation Director of the First Nations House of Learning, and a Professor in the Faculty of Applied Science, School of Nursing.



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Jennifer Jones (with special guest) Lyackson First Nation, Central Island Manager for Indigenous Health Programs with Island Health



Heather Hastings
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More about our Distinguished Guests

Dr. Margaret P. Moss is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. She is the first and only American Indian to hold both Nursing and Juris Doctorates. She has been a nurse for 34 years and an academic for 23 years across 4 universities including the University of Minnesota, Yale University, SUNY Buffalo and currently at the University of British Columbia, where she is Director of the First Nations House of Learning, and a Professor in the Faculty of Applied Science, School of Nursing. As Director, Dr. Moss began the first Indigenous student collegium and has been instrumental in expanding the physical facility to allow more access and programming for UBC's Indigenous community. She was Interim Associate Vice President Equity & Inclusion for much of last year for UBC, both campuses. As AVP, she had the Inclusion Action Plan, the Antiracism and Inclusive Excellence report, human rights and education in her portfolio. Dr. Moss published an award-winning text, *American Indian Health and Nursing* (2015) followed by *Health Equity and Nursing* (2020) as lead editor. She co-led the development and launch of the UBC Indigenous Strategic Plan (2020) with interest and uptake around the world and across Canada. Dr. Moss was one of only 2 Indigenous women named to the inaugural Forbes 50 over 50 Impact List; is a board member of the American Academy of Nursing; and NASEM's Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice; and is a new member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Lauren Brown is from the Haida Nation, is a proud mother of two daughters and is an experienced Health leader and has been the Executive Health Director for the XaaydaGa Dlaang Society, Skidegate Health Centre for 18 years. She has served on several boards including 7 years on the First Nations Health Directors Association Board and currently a Board appointed Ministers Advisory Council for Indigenous Women and recently appointed to the British Columbia Emergency Health Services Board. She has extensive knowledge and expertise in Indigenous health and values building partnerships with government and community partners. She is currently the Director of Cultural Safety & Humility and Anti-Indigenous Racism Response for First Nations Health Authority. Lauren holds a BSN in Nursing from University of British Columbia (1998), A Master's in Leadership-Health (MA-Health) from Royal Roads University (2017), Certificate in Executive Coaching from Royal Roads University (2020) and nearly completed TAHI Indigenous Coaching Certificate (2022) and is a language student learning Haida through the Mentor Language Apprenticeship Program (2018-current).

Heather Hastings is a member of Tsartlip First Nation in the WSÁNEĆ territory on Vancouver Island. Heather graduated from the UVic School of Nursing in 2009 and quickly went to work for her community as the Community Health Nurse and then Health Director for 12 years. Working in the community helped Heather understand the inadequate access to services and supports that support First Nations people's health needs and that are free of racism. Heather directed her efforts on advocating for the Health system to improve service delivery and to draw attention to how racism and discrimination were impacting the health outcomes of her community members. Heather graduated from Royal Roads University Masters of Leadership (health specialization) program, focusing on equitable access to primary care services; Heather worked closely with the Health Authority and other health partners to bring health services closer to the community, upholding self-determination and improving safe access. Heather now works for the Provincial Health Services Authority as the Executive Director of Cultural Safety and Transformation in the Office of Indigenous Health. Of course, and most importantly, Heather's most significant role is being a mom to Yetsa, Jack and Felix

Jennifer Jones (nee Thomas), member of Lyackson First Nation, has been an extraordinary leader throughout her whole career as a registered nurse. Jennifer graduated in 2001 from Vancouver Island University, and worked on various units at Cowichan District hospital and at Margaret Moss Public Health unit before joining the team at Cowichan Tribes Tsewulhtun Health Center. Her life experience and commitment to First Nation communities set the tone among nursing staff and provided solid role modelling and insight into community family wellness. She eventually became the Nurse Manager of the healthy family team, followed by the Health Director of the health center. In addition to those roles, Jennifer has shown her leadership by being elected in subsequent terms to Chief and Council of her community, and has served on the Board of Directors for Huli'tun Health Society as the Vancouver Island Coast Salish representative for the Health Directors Association of BC. She was also employed as the Health Director of Stz'uminus First Nation before moving to her current position as Central Island Manager for Indigenous Health Programs with Island Health. Beyond the formal roles that Jennifer has, she is known among her family, colleagues and community members as a hard worker who is dedicated to supporting First Nation families and communities. She demonstrates integrity in all that she does, mentors those around her and has great passion for promoting health careers for the next generation. Her passion for nursing has been passed along to one of her daughters, Kim Viksush, who is currently employed as an LPN with Slhexun sun'ts'a' Clinic which provides primary health services for Indigenous community members in the Cowichan Valley. Jennifer's legacy is ongoing as demonstrated in her work to disrupt inequity through promotion of First Nations strength based initiatives and creative collaborative solutions.

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