
February 18-20th 2015 saw approximately 80 community-engaged academic and community researchers, educators, practitioners, policy analysts and research administrators come together in Vancouver, British Columbia to explore what it really means – and what it takes – to work collaboratively in Indigenous research.

The Working Better Together Conference on Indigenous Research Ethics was designed to explore the dynamic intersection of policies, procedures, practices, and philosophies of contemporary Indigenous research ethics. The conference goal was to create a space for timely exchanges and thoughtful reflections to inform contemporary Indigenous research ethics thought, policy and practice.

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More information about the conference can be found here: https://indigenousresearchethics2015.wordpress.com/

Panelists Pictured:

- **John Welch**, Archaeology and Resource Management, Simon Fraser University “Sovereignty-Driven Research Ethics: Beyond Baseline Compliance, Consent, and Limitation of Liability”
- **Shaun Hains**, Edmonton Public Schools ”Indigenous Peace in Research”
- **Yvonne Vizina**, University of Saskatchewan “International Instruments and Indigenous Research in Canada: A Tale of Four United Nations Agreements”
- **Eugenie Lam**, University of Victoria “When Research Involves Indigenous Communities How Can Research Ethics Boards Contribute Positively?”
- **Margaret Kovach**, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan “Dismantling eurocentricism – “Indigenous research prompts value transformations in knowledge discourses”