



Dear ISCSC Members, Colleagues and Friends,

January 8, 2024

Welcome to 2024 and hopes for a fulfilling year ahead.

We are pleased to announce additional details for the 2024 ISCSC conference *Health, Healing, and Civilizations* to help with your conference planning. The conference will be held with our host and partner the University of Lethbridge, Faculty of Health Sciences, 4401 University Drive, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, from May 21 through May 24, 2024.

PLEASE JOIN US.

KEY POINTS & REGISTRATION

Please mark your new 2024 calendar with important conference information and dates.

The University will handle the actual registration process. A link to complete the registration and payment process will be sent in a separate posting. Your online credit card payments will be converted to the Canadian Dollar (CAD). Prior to registering, you may want to contact your credit card company to notify them that you will be making a transaction in CAD. The costs to register are:

- 1) Student: \$150 USD / \$200 CAD
- 2) Regular: \$275 USD / \$368 CAD
- 3) Waived: (no charge) with prior approval from the ISCSC

KEY DATES:

There are two deadlines for conference registration:

- 1). For presenters with approved abstracts: March 10, 2024
- 2). For regular attendees who are non-presenters: April 19, 2024
(The University cannot accept conference registrations beyond this date)

CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS DETAILS:

January 31, 2024, remains the deadline for The Call for Papers/Abstracts.

Please submit your abstract as described in the CFP which is posted on the ISCSC website. We encourage abstracts that emphasize and address the primary conference theme *Health, Healing, and Civilizations* as well as abstracts related to the comparative study of civilizations as described in more detail, in the Call for Papers/Abstracts.

PRESENTATION DETAILS:

We anticipate a larger than usual number of abstracts and overall attendance.

Abstracts are reviewed and accepted as they are received.

Once abstracts have been received and approved by Program Chair Greg Lewicki, and the author has agreed to attend, register, and present at the conference, the conference presentation-program may reach capacity. Presentations are scheduled for approximately 20 minutes each unless otherwise advised

by the Program Chair. Once the scheduled capacity limit for verbal presentations is reached, authors will be given the alternative of presenting via poster session. This will be coordinated by Program Chair Greg Lewicki as part of the overall program schedule as well as listed in the conference program. Posters will be displayed during the reception and throughout the conference. Authors will have ample opportunity to discuss their theme/thesis and poster presentation with all attendees. Those presenting via poster presentation will be sent a standardized template for posters which will also be posted on the IS CSC website.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

An optional, pre-conference workshop *Collective Wellness- Indigenous Approaches to Healing* serves as an anchor to the conference and is scheduled for mid-day on May 21st before the welcome reception. The experiential workshop integrates Indigenous land-based learning, embodying the Cree concept "Sakihitowin" symbolizing the opening of the heart, blending traditional teachings, land-based wellness approaches, and Indigenous psychotherapy. Open to diverse backgrounds, disciplines, and nations worldwide, attendees will find tools learned in this workshop will contribute to a shared, brighter future across disciplines.

The workshop will be led by Nevada Lynn Ouellette BHSc, MEd Kihcihtwaw Asinewiskwew (Holy Rock Woman). Ms. Ouelette is Ojibway/Cree-Métis, Russian and Polish and a member of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA). She describes her way of life resembling that of her ancestors—a core foundation in traditional ways of being while drawing upon its strengths and adapting to modern day life.

When registering for the conference, please select the section whether you plan to attend this workshop which is included with registration at no additional cost.

RECEPTION:

A welcome reception for all attendees is planned for the early evening of May 21st.

MEALS:

Wednesday May 22nd, Breakfast and dinner included. Lunch on campus on your own.

Thursday May 23rd, Breakfast and dinner (concluding banquet) included. Lunch on campus on your own.

Friday May 24th, (FIELD TRIP day) Breakfast included, lunch on your own during field trip and dinner on your own upon return to campus.

FIELD TRIP: After breakfast, we will travel by bus to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump and Waterton Lakes National Park. Both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, relevant for their cultural and natural significance, as well as their connection to the history and identity of the indigenous peoples of the region. Surprises are in store during our visit to these sites.

When registering for the conference, please select the section whether you plan to attend the field trip.

LODGING:

A link for on-campus lodging reservations will be sent in a separate posting. Lodging is on your own and will be available at the University's Lux Hotel.

Deadline for on-campus, online booking is Friday May 10th.

Due to the Canadian holiday, rooms on campus are only available for our attendees beginning May 21st, the first evening of our conference, through and including May 24th.

In 2023 the costs per-night for the Lux Hotel were as follows (includes tax): One Bedroom \$90 USD = \$120 CAD, Two Bedroom \$110 USD = \$145 CAD (one person pays and finds another person for second bedroom), Four Bedroom \$162 USD = \$215 CAD (one person pays and finds others for the 3 other bedrooms. New rates for 2024 will be forthcoming and announced when the reservation link is provided.

Attendees who prefer to arrive prior May 21st may book reservations at the nearby *Sandman Signature Lodge* Hotel approximately 2.5 miles from campus. Rooms at the *Sandman Signature Lodge* are comparable to the Lux Hotel in cost. There are two Sandman hotels with similar names. In addition to the *Sandman Signature Lodge* there is also the *Sandman Hotel* which is approximately 5 miles from campus. To view general information about the Sandman Hotels in Lethbridge see this link: <https://www.sandmanhotels.com/lethbridge>

We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference; meeting long-time and new friends; and hearing your insights and perspectives on civilizations.

Your conference contacts:

- For Program schedule and abstracts:
Program Chair, Greg Lewicki greglewicki@alumni.lse.ac.uk
- For Conference venue, logistics, and pre-conference workshop:
Conference Chair Bonnee Lee bonnie.lee@uleth.ca
- Website Updates: <https://ISCSC.org>
Please check the website often for previously posted and additional information about the conference. Updates will be added as they become available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Rhodes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lynn Rhodes,
President, ISCSC