

Three-Day Seminar

Day 1: An in-depth presentation on the early history of Aamjiwnaang Traditional Territory and its people c 1600-1827

Day 2: Modern history of the four reserves contained in Lambton/Kent Counties includes treaties and Indian Act land surrenders to 1950.

Day 3: Where do we go from here? A detailed presentation on reconciliation and decolonization will be given.

All three days end in a question and answer session.

David D Plain, BRS, MTS



David D Plain is an indigenous historian/author and gifted speaker from the Aamjiwnaang First Nation. One of his books won a Golden Scribe award in 2008 and was a finalist for an Eric Hoffer Award in 2014. He has published three non-fiction history books and one historical fiction. David also published a poetry book in 2016 as well as co-authored the screenplay for a one-hour TV drama series based on his historical fiction.

Monica Virtue, BA, MDes

Monica Virtue is a settler from Woodstock, Ontario, with an interest in storytelling and technology. In 2005, during the



Ipperwash Inquiry, she was hired by the law firm representing the Estate of Dudley George to create an educational documentary about the history of the Ipperwash Provincial Park lands. Since then, she has conducted extensive archival research into treaties, the Indian Act and colonization, and has conducted co-designed research using counter-mapping techniques and GIS technology. Monica holds a BA in Communication Studies, a certificate in Business, a post-graduate certificate in Advanced Television & Film, and graduated in 2016 with a Master of Design in Digital Futures.

History of Aamjiwnaang

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NATION RELATIONSHIP

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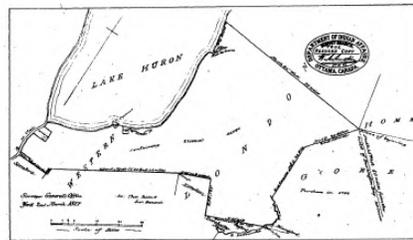
EARLY HISTORY

The period from first contact with colonial nations to the 1827 Huron Tract Treaty was a tumultuous time. Aamjiwnaang's power was continuously reduced through attrition caused by war and disease. The violent times during the seventeenth century, the alliances with its mercenary roles of the eighteenth century as well as the War of 1812 will be covered. Migration and expansion routes will also be presented.



MODERN HISTORY

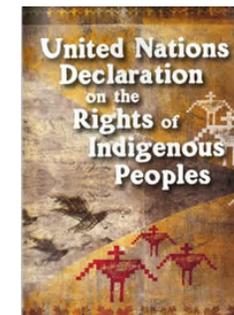
The period between Tecumseh's death in 1813 to the final draft of the Huron Tract Treaty in 1827 was a unsettling time. Aamjiwnaang's power was further reduced through duplicitous land agreements with the Crown that revolved around misleading written documents and maps. The period between the treaty signing and the post-WWII industrial boom was oppressive for Indigenous people in Southwestern Ontario. Aamjiwnaang's land base was drastically eroded through Indian Act surrenders that enabled the creation of Sarnia's Chemical Valley.



RECONCILIATION AND DECOLONIZATION

Reconciliation is the term given to the process of arriving at a nation to nation relationship between Canada's First Nations and the Crown. It has been slowly happening since 1951. Decolonization is a part of the reconciliation process and has yet to be dealt with. The doctrines of *terra nullius* and discovery as

well as radical title will be covered. The process includes decolonization of institutions such as academia, law and government as well as individuals' gender roles, diets, communities and minds. The implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will also be covered. This part of the conference will explore where we are now and what needs to be done to achieve the goal of reconciliation.



Traditional Aamjiwnaang Territory