## BCTF NEW TEACHERS' CONFERENCE 2018



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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. VERNA ST DENIS**

UNDERSTANDING NIPIMATISIWIN (MY LIFE JOURNEY) THROUGH ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION

Drawing upon her life history and building upon the understanding that racializing practices were and continue to be integral to the colonization of Canada Verna St.Denis will explore potential interventions that a critical anti-racist educational programing can offer in public education.

Dr. Verna St. Denis is a Professor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in integrated anti-racist education in the Department of Educational Foundations. She is both Cree and Metis and a member of the Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation. She is also both an alumni of and former teaching staff of Indigenous teacher education programs in Saskatchewan. She completed her Ph. D. in education at Stanford University (2002). Over the past 15 years Verna has interviewed well over 100 Indigenous teachers as part of her research program. In 2010 she completed a research study commissioned by the Canadian Teachers Federation on the professional knowledge and experience of Aboriginal teachers in Canadian public schools. She has been bestowed many awards, including 2004 University of Saskatchewan Students Union Excellence in Teaching and 2011 *Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of* Education.

Keynote Roundtable

Location:

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