

Public Engagement and the Politics of Evidence in an Age of Neoliberalism and Audit Culture

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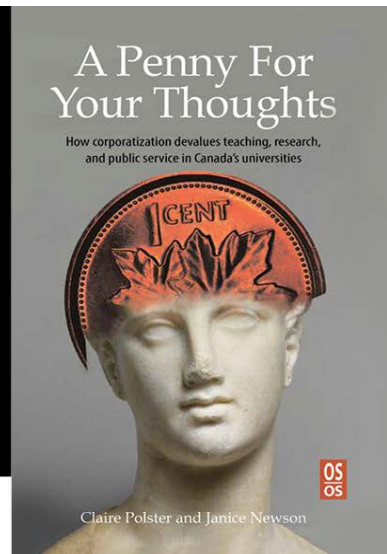
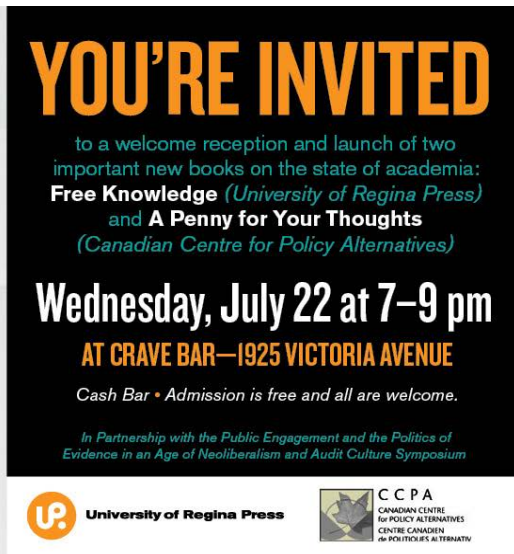
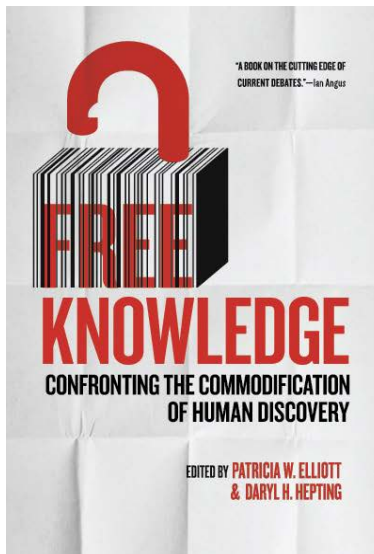
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*"Public Engagement and the Politics of Evidence
in an Age of Neoliberalism and Audit Culture in Higher Education"*

<p>WEDNESDAY EVENING: 7-9pm</p> <p>Crave Bar Main Reception Room</p> <p>1925 Victoria Ave. (just steps away from the Sask. Hotel)</p> <p>OFF CAMPUS</p>	<p>PRE-SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION OFF CAMPUS @ CRAVE BAR (near Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan)</p> <p>Symposium welcome reception and book launch</p> <p>Join us at Crave Bar, located in Regina’s historic Assiniboia Club Building, for a welcome reception and launch of two important new books on the state of academia: Free Knowledge: Confronting the Commodification of Human Discovery (University of Regina Press)</p> <p>A Penny for Your Thoughts: How corporatization devalues teaching, research, and public service in Canada’s universities (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives)</p> <p>Meet the authors, editors and contributors, several of whom are attending the symposium. As well, it’s a public event, providing an opportunity to mix and mingle with local folk, from all walks of life, who care about the future of the academy.</p> <p>Live blues by The Young Hoodoo Men Crave Bar Main Reception Room (Cash bar) 1925 Victoria Ave. (just steps away from the Sask. Hotel)</p>
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Agenda at a glance:

Time	Thursday, July 23, 2015 Research & Innovation Centre (RIC 119), University of Regina
8:00-9:20	Registration/Breakfast
9:20-10:00	<i>Welcome to Treaty 4-Blessing, Honour Song</i> <i>Welcome to the University of Regina</i> - Knowledge Keeper, Noel Starblanket - Dr. Vianne Timmons, President, University of Regina - Dr. Jennifer Tupper, Dean of Education, University of Regina
10:10-11:00	“Commerce in the Academy: Audit Cultures and Neoliberalism’s Assault on Liberalism.” - Dr. Yvonna Lincoln, Texas A&M
11:10-12:00	“Regenerating Successes with Indigenous Knowledge: Possibilities, Practices, and Perplexities within Eurocentric Education” - Dr. Marie Battiste, University of Saskatchewan
12:10-1:40pm	LUNCH (Outside Riddell Centre patio weather permitting)
1:40-2:30pm	“Beyond Epistemicide: Knowledge Democracy and Higher Education” - Dr. Budd Hall, University of Victoria
2:40-3:30pm	“Anti-colonial educational research: From property rights to answerability” - Dr. Leigh Patel, Boston College
3:40-4:30pm	“The optimistic art of the impossible- measuring impact of indigenous research in the era of historic denial and evidence based policy in higher education.” - Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith, University of Waikato
4:40-6:00pm	BREAK/THEMED ACTIVITIES
	SPEAKERS’ CORNER -Creation of short videos/video speakers’ corner THEMED ROUNDTABLES -Faculty criteria document sharing -Current impact & altmetrics in use at your institution -Issues of concern to graduate students -Other topics of choice
6:00-9:00pm	Hors d’oeuvres Supper/Reception

Time	Friday, July 24, 2015 Research & Innovation Centre (RIC 119), University of Regina
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:15	<i>Brief address</i> <i>- Dr. David Malloy, Vice-President-Research, University of Regina</i>
9:15-10:05	“Troubling calls for "evidence": punitive accountability, disruptive innovation and neoliberal blues in the education deform project” <i>- Dr. Michelle Fine, City University of New York</i>
10:15-11:05	“Why universities are losing the narrative and how we might get it back” <i>- Dr. Chad Gaffield, University of Ottawa [Past-President of SSHRC]</i>
11:15-12:05	“Biting the Hand that Feeds You: Theories of change in the settler state and its universities” <i>- Dr. Eve Tuck, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto</i>
12:05-1:30pm	LUNCH (Outside Riddell Centre patio weather permitting)
1:30-2:20pm	"Higher Education or Education for Hire? Corporatization, Fictive Austerity and the Threat to Democratic Thinking" <i>- Dr. Joel Westheimer, University of Ottawa</i>
2:30-3:20pm	“The quantified self of neoliberal academia” <i>- Dr. Rosalind Gill, City University, London</i>
3:30-4:20pm	“Comrade Jesus: The Dialectic Regained and the People Unchained--Towards a Revolutionary Critical Pedagogy” <i>- Dr. Peter McLaren, Chapman University</i>
4:20-4:45pm	BRIEF BREAK/SNACK
5:00-6:00pm	SPEAKERS’ CORNER -Creation of short videos/video speakers’ corner THEMED ROUNDTABLES -Faculty criteria document sharing -Current impact & altmetrics in use at your institution -Issues of concern to graduate students -Other topics of choice
6:00-9:00pm	Hors d'oeuvres Supper/Reception

TIME	Saturday, July 25, 2015 Research & Innovation Centre (RIC 119), University of Regina
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:15	<i>Day 3 Address</i> <i>- Dr. Shauneen Pete, Indigenization Lead, University of Regina</i>
9:15-10:05	“Public Scholarship and Tenure/Promotion: “Rethinking Teaching, Scholarship and Service” <i>- Dr. Christopher Meyers, California State University, Bakersfield</i>
10:15-11:05	“Some of Us are Braves: Settler Universities and the Politics of Indigenous Refusal” <i>- Dr. Sandy Grande, Connecticut College</i>
11:15-12:05	“Journey to Reconciliation: Following the Path of Truth through Student Research” <i>- Charlene Bearhead, Education Lead, National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation</i>
12:05-1:30pm	LUNCH (Outside Riddell Centre patio weather permitting)
1:30-2:20pm	“What Counts as Scholarship in Higher Education: Research ‘Priority Areas’ under Biocapitalism” <i>- Dr. Marcia McKenzie, University of Saskatchewan</i>
2:30-3:20pm	“Measures and Metrics and Maclean’s! Oh My!” <i>- Dr. Nick Carleton, University of Regina</i>
3:30-3:45pm	Drumming/Singing
3:45-5:45pm	Hors d'oeuvres Supper/Reception FAREWELL



A brief note from symposium co-chairs:

Welcome to Treaty Four, the University of Regina, and to the symposium *Public Engagement and the Politics of Evidence in an Age of Neoliberalism and Audit Culture*.

Regina, Saskatchewan is the home of the first socialist government in North America and the first North American jurisdiction to enact universal health care and to create an Arts Board to support creativity and the arts.

We hope that you take this opportunity to openly discuss, share, learn and teach in collaboration with one another in the spirit of furthering a more just world.

Our current moment is one of exciting possibility as Indigenous epistemologies, publicly-engaged, participatory, and open forms of research continue to assert their inherent legitimacy in an academic landscape that is increasingly called upon to feature praxis and relationally-oriented research outcomes. Yet, these promising advances are endangered by a parallel counterbalancing shift in the academy towards an increasingly narrowly conceived accountability framework and audit culture.

If the academy is to live up to its ideals then we must turn our critical gaze inward and examine our own practices and not shy away from creating spaces for robust and frank discussions that lead to action and positive societal changes.

Over the next few days, let us examine:

- What counts as scholarship and why?
- How do we achieve accountability in an age of accountancy?
- How do we measure research impact (i.e., journal impact factor vs community and policy impact)? & Impact for whom?
- Who and how do we determine whose evidence and what research is legitimate?
- What can be done? How do we effect change to university practices?

Warmly,

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is "Marc Spooner" and the second is "James McNinch".

Marc Spooner & James McNinch, symposium co-chairs

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Dear Presenters and Symposium Participants:

In collaboration with Dr. Alec Couros (University of Regina), as well as Dr. Joe Norris (Brock University) and his research assistant, Brad McDonald, the symposium will be livestreamed as well as recorded for online dissemination through the <www.politicsofevidence.ca> website following the symposium. In addition, the videos will be used by Dr. Joe Norris for his ongoing research, “*Reuniting Form and Content: Generating, Mediating, and Disseminating Social Science Research and Arts-Based Performance Genres through Digital Media*”, funded by his 2011 Insight Development Grant <www.joenorrisplaybuilding.ca>. Due to the public nature of this gathering, at which there is no expectation of privacy, Brock University’s Research Ethics Board (REB file# 14-200) has found this project, “Disseminating Conference Proceedings through Web-based Videos”, to be exempt on all documents.

Joe’s graduate student, Brad McDonald, also plans to use parts of the publicly-accessible footage in his master’s thesis, “*Examining Curriculum Trends in Education as Made Evident by Contemporary Curriculum Scholars: A Documentary Film*”. He will edit the video proceedings with those taken at the 2015 Provoking Curriculum Conference and other arranged interviews into a chapter of his thesis in Social Justice and Equity Studies. This will also be made available on both websites.

To provide the opportunity for other symposium attendees to voice their opinions we plan to: a) set up a speakers’ corner where all attendees can provide video comments, and b) video record conversations at the themed roundtables and at the plenary presentations/discussions. These are also considered exempt due to their public nature as are general shots of the audience.

While exempt, we still wish to honour anyone’s request to not be included in the recordings—to this end, opt-out forms will be available at the registration desk for the duration of the symposium. Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,



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-Leaves the *University of Regina*

A bus will leave the University of Regina at 8:30pm and 9:00pm to return guests to the *Radisson Plaza Hotel Saskatchewan* each evening.

Note: Busses will leave at 5:30pm & 5:45PM on the Saturday, July 25th, 2015

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & ABSTRACTS:

All speaker biographies and full abstracts can be found on the Symposium Website

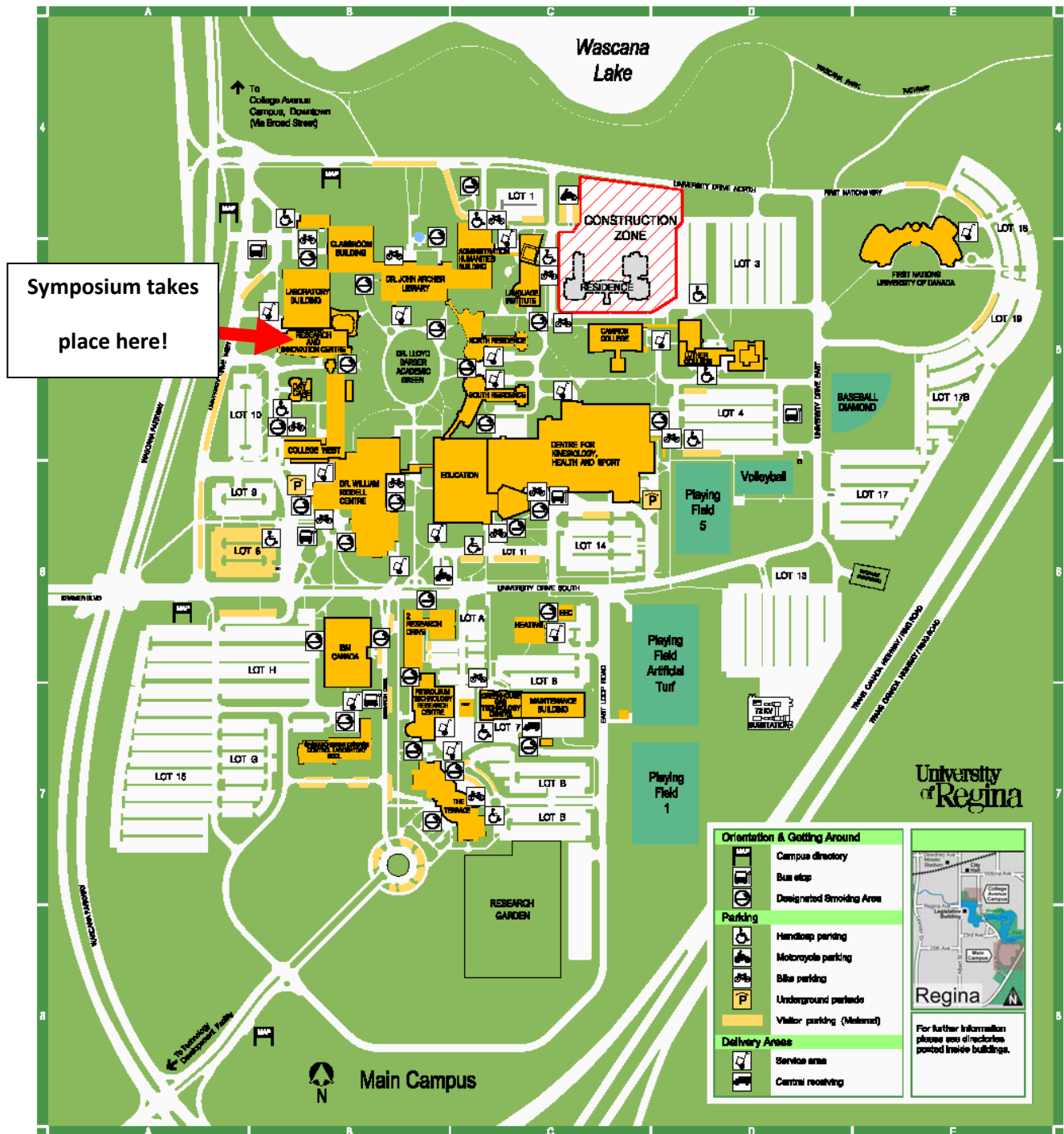
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