

LEAF Edmonton's annual Persons Day Breakfast is on October 19, 2020



Dr. Val Napoleon -- Keynote Speaker
"Contested Legal Personalities: Indigenous Women"

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Our keynote speaker this year is Dr. Val Napoleon. In her talk she will explore how the combined conditions of violence as well as the various responses to sexualized, gendered violence have shaped the present day legal personhood of Indigenous women and girls from an Indigenous legal perspective and from a Canadian legal perspective. Dr. Napoleon will address the agency of Indigenous women and girls, meaning their capacity of will, mind, spirit, and humanity. This is personhood in its fullest possible conception, and it is societal denial of that agency that fosters and enables their relentless sexist dehumanization.

Dr. Val Napoleon is the Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law.

She is from northeast British Columbia (Treaty 8) and a member of Saulteau First Nation. She is also an adopted member of the Gitanyow (Gitksan) House of Luuxhon, Ganada (Frog) Clan. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law at UVic, Dr.

Napoleon was an associate professor cross appointed with the faculties of Native Studies and Law at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Napoleon worked as a community activist and consultant in northwestern BC for over 25 years, specializing in health, education, and justice issues. She has also worked with a number of regional, provincial, national, and international projects relating to Indigenous legal traditions, conflict management, education, and citizenship. Dr. Napoleon's dissertation on Gitksan law and legal theory was awarded the University of Victoria Governor General's Gold Medal for best dissertation in 2009.

Her current research focuses on Indigenous legal traditions, Indigenous legal theory, Indigenous feminism, citizenship, self-determination, and governance. Some of her major initiatives include the proposed JID (joint JD and Indigenous law degree) program, establishing the Indigenous Law Research Unit, and a collaborative national reconciliation and justice with the Indigenous Bar Association, Truth and Reconciliation, and the Ontario Law Foundation.

Dr. Napoleon has taught and published on Aboriginal legal issues, Indigenous legal theory, Indigenous feminist legal studies, self-government, critical issues in restorative justice, oral traditions, and contemporary Aboriginal issues, as well as property law.

Please join us for this 35th annual celebration of Persons Day. LEAF Edmonton has held a breakfast every year since 1985, the year LEAF incorporated and section 15 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* came into force. Your support of this event allows the organization to continue its important mission nationally and at the local level. For any questions, please contact edmonton@leaf.ca

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will host our breakfast as a Zoom webinar this year. This remains our primary fundraiser, and some of you have indicated a willingness to support us at our typical ticket price rate. We expect that many people will choose to support us at a different level, and in light of our reduced expenses this year, we have reduced our regular ticket rate and our

student/low income rate.

*Please note, you do not need a Zoom account to participate, but should you have one, we recommend registering for your ticket using the same e-mail address you use for Zoom.

When:

October 19, 2020 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Where:

Via Zoom Webinar

Tickets:

Supporter: \$75 or \$750 per "table" (ie, block of 10 tickets*)

Regular: \$25 or \$250 per "table" (ie, block of 10 tickets*)

Student/Low Income: \$5

*If purchasing a "table" please let us know the name of your organisation and we will highlight you as a table sponsor in our program.