

**Agenda – Indigenous Speaker Series – “Aboriginal Health Counts”
Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health**

Monday, March 3, 2014

UBC Longhouse - Sty-Wet-Tan (Great) Hall

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.: Registration & light refreshments

9:30 - 9:40 a.m.: Welcome to Musqueam Territory by Henry Charles

9:40 - 9:50 a.m.: Opening Remarks & Speaker Introductions by Nadine Caron, Interim Co-Director, Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Health

9:50 – 10:30 a.m.: Keynote presentation by Dr. Janet Smylie

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.: Panel presentations

- **Leanne Currie**, Associate Professor, [UBC School of Nursing](#)
- **Joanne Nelson**, Epidemiologist and Bio-Statistics, Health Services ([First Nations Health Authority](#))
- **Sharon Thira**, Director, [Kloshe Tillicum](#)

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Questions

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch & networking

About the Speakers

Dr. Janet Smylie is a family physician and public health researcher. She currently works as a research scientist in Aboriginal health at St. Michael’s hospital, Centre for Research on Inner City Health (CRICH), where she directs the Well Living House Applied Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child and Family Health. Her primary academic appointment is as an Associate Professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She maintains a part-time clinical practice at Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto. Dr. Smylie has practiced and taught family medicine in a variety of Aboriginal communities both urban and rural. She is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario, with Métis roots in Saskatchewan. Her research interests are focused in the area of addressing the health inequities that challenge Indigenous infants, children and their families through applied health services research. Dr. Smylie currently leads multiple research projects in partnership with over a dozen First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities/organizations. This includes CIHR operating grants to implement and evaluate an Indigenous knowledge network for infant, child and family health and to conduct a population based urban Aboriginal health assessment in the GTA. Dr. Smylie holds a CIHR New Investigator award in Knowledge Translation and was honoured with a National Aboriginal Achievement (Indspire) Award in Health in 2012.

Panelist biographies to follow.