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Thank you to the participants and speakers for attending and supporting the ACEA's 31st annual conference in Banff.

We hope you have a meaningful experience and take away some valuable insights from the sessions. It is only with your continued support that this conference can take place.

Your ACEA executive will be working hard to put together another significant conference.

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## Inside Learning For Outside Living

Banff Park Lodge  
March 1 - 3, 2017

We need to be prepared to return to the outside world and stay there.  
But have hope for us when we're inside, too.  
John J. Lennon  
Inmate, Attica Correctional Facility

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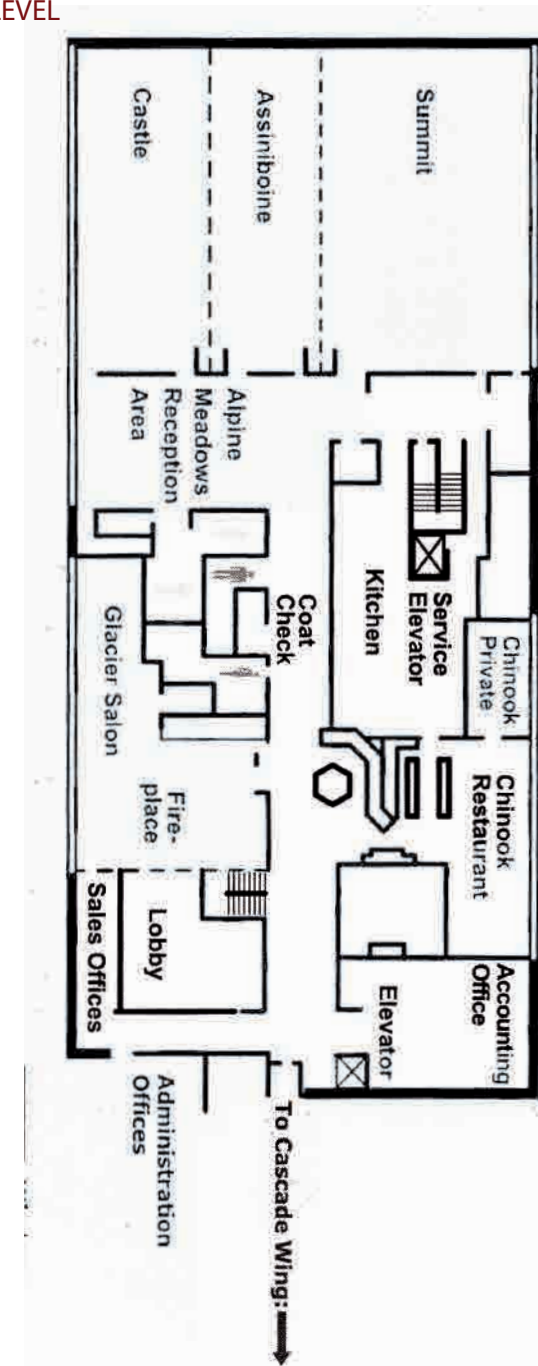
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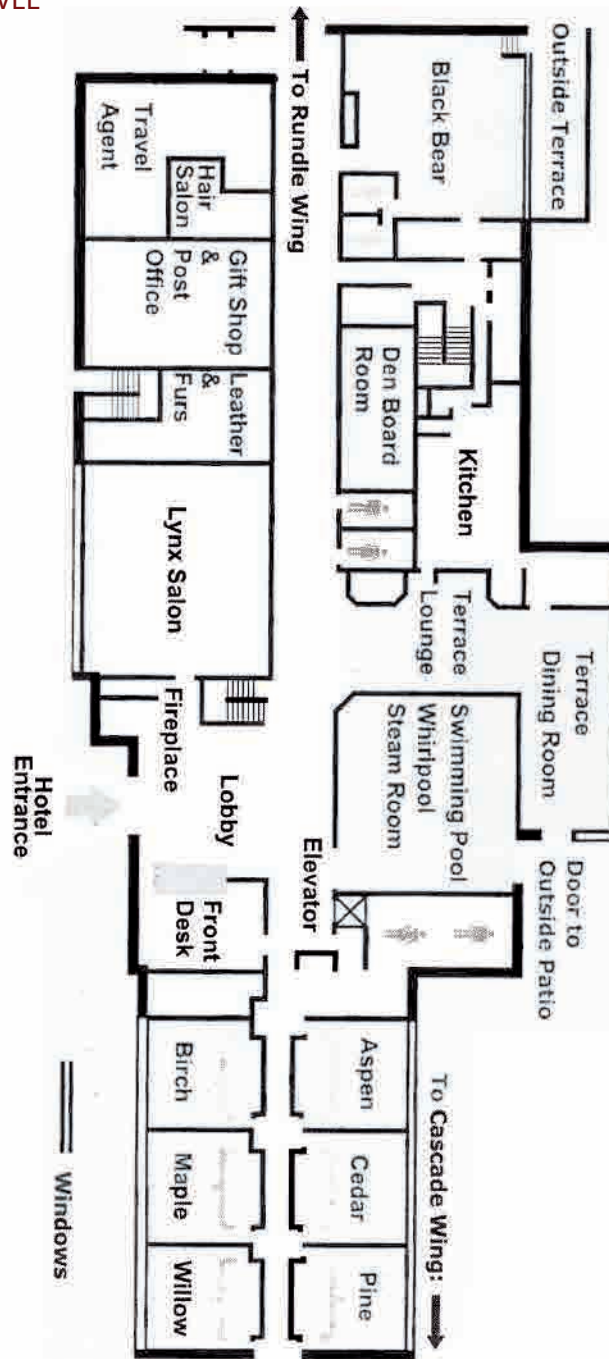
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## SCHEDULE - 2017 ACEA CONFERENCE INSIDE LEARNING FOR OUTSIDE LIVING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration
	5:30 – 6:15 pm	Cocktails
	6:15 – 6:45 pm	Welcome and Opening Address Blessing - Walter MacDonald White Bear
	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Banquet – Summit Room
	8:00 - Midnight	Black Bear Room - Networking - Toonie Bar
THURSDAY MARCH 2	7:00 – 8:30am	Breakfast – Glacier Salon
	8:30 – 10:00 am	David Bouchard The Truth About Education - Inside and Out
	10:00– 10:15 am	Break
	10:15 – 11:45 am	Justice Edward J. Kelly The Criminal Process and Mental Disorder
	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Glacier Salon
	1:00 – 2:00 pm	Ann Walmsley Prose and Cons
	2:00 – 2:30 pm	Gail McDougall & Barb Sokale - JHS From the Inside Out - Your Agent for Change
	2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break
	2:45 – 3:30 pm	Jessica Thompson - CTT The Reality of Re-integration: - Barriers to Successful Transition from Jail to Community
	3:30– 4:30 pm	Walter MacDonald White Bear Working with First Nations Youth and their Families
	Free Evening in Banff for Dinner	
FRIDAY MARCH 3	7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast – Glacier Salon
	8:30 – 9:30 am	Matthew Hinshaw From Custody to Community
	9:30– 9:45 am	Break
	9:45 – 10:45 am	Pamela Spurvey Her Story, Her Journey, Her Success
	10:45– 11:00 am	Break
	11:00 – 12:00 pm	Maria Illes - Dogs With Wings A New Leash on Life
	12:00 – 12:15 pm	Krystine Nichols & Sheilagh McBride Engaging Hearts and Minds - Bucharest 2016
	12:00pm	Lunch

We, the ACEA board members and conference presenters, respectfully request that you arrive and find your seats before each session begins. This will allow a better, interruption-free experience for us all.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Welcome Colleagues, Friends and Guests.

First of all, I want to express my gratitude to all the ACEA board members and to each of you who have supported and contributed to our success. We certainly wouldn't be enjoying our 31st annual conference without your dedication. I know for that me, my ACEA experience has been truly enriched.

Our conference theme for 2017 is "Inside Learning for Outside Living".



This year, we brought together people from all aspects of the criminal justice system to keep us up to date on current developments and provide an insight into offender education, reintegration, and aboriginal justice. Our goal is to provide the best tools to the offenders in order to help them be successful and enhance the quality of life in our communities.

Some offenders who return to their communities and families will become productive members of society. However, there are many that will recommit crimes and end up back in the judicial system as they lack the education and the cognitive and workplace skills required to succeed.

This is the perfect opportunity to have a productive discussion around correctional education, one of the fundamental components of rehabilitative programming. By sharing our knowledge and expertise, we can make a difference.

Thank you again for your dedication and support. Together we are stronger and more powerful. If you have any questions, suggestions or general feedback, please feel free to email me at [jamie.barrow@gov.ab.ca](mailto:jamie.barrow@gov.ab.ca)

Sincerely,  
Jamie Barrow  
ACEA President

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest

-Benjamin Franklin

Friday, March 3, 9:45am – 10:45am

### HER STORY, HER JOURNEY, HER SUCCESS

Pamela Spurvey



Pamela has been on a recovery journey for the past 9 years. Having spent many years feeling emotional pain and hopelessness, she believed there was no way out. Her fear of judgement prevented her from seeking help. In time, through self-help groups and guidance from counsellors she was able to gain a sense of hope and access the services she needed to turn her life around. Today, Pamela is a Peer Support Specialist with Alberta Health Services and a Mentor with the Edmonton Drug Court.

#### Session Overview:

This session tells the story of Pamela Spurvey. This woman has faced many obstacles and challenges, including generations of poverty, mental health, addictions, crime and homelessness. During this session, Pamela will share her story, her journey and her success

Friday, March 3, 11:00am – 12:00pm

### A NEW LEASH ON LIFE - FROM INCARCERATION TO INTEGRATION

Maria Illes, PhD, GDMI



Dr. Illes holds a Masters degree in Educational Programming and a PhD in History from the University of Comenius. Following a teaching career of 12 years in Slovakia, Maria qualified as a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor. She worked in the field in Slovakia prior to relocating to Edmonton with her family in 1999. Since her arrival, Maria has been training and placing dogs in all of the program areas offered by DWW. She has also conducted Puppy Class, working with volunteers.

Friday, March 3, 12:00pm – 12:15pm

### ENGAGING HEARTS & MINDS - BUCHAREST 2016

Sheilagh McBride and Krystine Nichols

Krystine Nichols B.Ed - Krystine began her teaching career at the Edmonton Institution for Women, and is currently an instructor on the woman's unit of the Edmonton Remand Centre.

Sheilagh McBride, B.Sc. (Honours) B.Ed. – Sheilagh currently instructs at the Edmonton Remand Centre. Her teaching career of more than 35 years has involved marginalized learners with histories of trauma, violence and abuse. She taught for four years in inner city Level 3 School (Toronto Board of Education) followed by teaching, coordinator and academic advisor roles at NorQuest College (formerly AVC Edmonton) since 1980. She served on a board working with the needs of inner city residents (Edmonton- E4C) for eight years.



Thursday, March 2, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

## WORKING WITH FIRST NATIONS YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

### Walter Macdonald White Bear

Walter White Bear has over 25 years of experience working within the education system-social services sector working with First Nations youth and families. He has earned his BA in General Studies from the University of Calgary and has been following traditional teachings for more than 25 years. Walter brings a wealth of experience and workshop skills that are respectful of all world views. He facilitates in a positive approach and delivers in a highly educational and theatrical style utilizing contemporary as well as traditional music.



#### Session Overview:

Walter will guide us through the importance of tradition and ceremony in the understanding of the First Nations Culture. He will use traditional teachings and music as well as contemporary to help us gain a better understanding.

Friday, March 3, 8:30am – 9:30am

## FROM CUSTODY TO COMMUNITY (AND SOMETIMES BACK AGAIN): A LEGISLATIVE PERSPECTIVE

### Matthew Hinshaw



Matthew Hinshaw is a Crown Prosecutor with the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service. He received a B.Sc. in Neuroscience from the University of Lethbridge in 1999 and graduated from the University of Calgary Law School in 2003. Between 2004 and 2013, Matthew conducted criminal prosecutions in Calgary, working in a variety of units, including adult pre-trial, trial, summary conviction appeals and youth. Between 2008 and 2013, Matthew was the team leader of the youth unit in the Calgary Crown Prosecutors office. In 2013, Matthew joined the Appeals, Education and Prosecution Policy

Branch of the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service where he currently works in the role of Policy Counsel.

#### Session Overview:

The presentations will provide an overview of the provisions of the Criminal Code, Youth Criminal Justice Act, and Corrections and Conditional Release Act as they relate to transition from custody to community. Procedures related to youth and adult offenders will be discussed, including review of community supervision orders, long term supervision orders and parole.

## CONFERENCE SESSION INFORMATION

Thursday, March 2, 8:30 am – 10:00 am

## THE TRUTH ABOUT EDUCATION - INSIDE AND OUT

### David Bouchard

Canadian Métis author and literacy advocate David Bouchard has produced more than fifty books for readers of all ages, including two guides on reading for parents and educators. An erstwhile teacher and school principal, he is particularly concerned with Aboriginal-related issues and is a sought-after speaker for conference keynotes and school presentations and on topics of reading, literacy and aboriginal well-being.



David Bouchard's books have won numerous awards, including a special mention for non-fiction in the 2010 Bologna Ragazzi Awards for *The Drum Calls Softly*, a gold medal in the 2008 Moonbeam Award for *I am Raven*, the 2004 Governor General's Award for *The Song Within My Heart*, the 1999 Red Cedar Award for *The Great Race* and the 1997 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for *Voices from the Wild*. "An Aboriginal Carol" was included in the 2008 White Ravens Catalogue. In April 2009, Bouchard was named as a Member of the Order of Canada "for his contributions as an author of children's books and an advocate who has championed the cause of reading and writing, and who has shared his pride as a member of the Métis community through his stories." Most recently, David has received a remarkable honour: In 2013, in Oshawa, the David Bouchard Public School opened its doors.

#### Session Overview:

David will share True stories with his listeners, stories that can include and inspire listeners. These stories can be taken away and shared with those who need to hear them - Those on the inside.

Thursday, March 2, 10:15am - 11:45am

## THE CRIMINAL PROCESS AND MENTAL DISORDER

### Justice Edward J. Kelly

Justice Kelly graduated from Queen's University (1984) and Osgoode Hall Law School (1988) and was called to Ontario Bar in 1990. He acted as Duty Counsel (Criminal) on behalf of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan in Toronto, Ontario from 1990 to 1992 and then practiced independently as criminal defence counsel in Toronto from 1993 to 2013, specializing in the representation of persons with mental health



disabilities at the Ontario Court of Justice, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Review Board. In 2013, he was appointed as a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice. Judge Kelly currently presides in criminal courts including the Youth Community Reconciliation Court (Youth Mental Health Court) at the Toronto West Courthouse. Justice Kellt is also a member of the Ontario Courts Accessibility Committee. He also works as a lecturer/panelist at various legal education programs sponsored by organizations including Legal Aid Ontario, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Criminal Lawyers' Association, the Ontario Court of Justice, Health Services Justice Coordinating Committee and the Advocates Society.

#### Session Overview:

The presentation will provide a general explanation of the substantive and procedural law relating to the prosecution of persons with mental health disabilities. Central concepts such as fitness to stand trial and criminal responsibility will be described. The sentencing of mentally ill offenders and the Review Board process will also be considered. Comment about challenges that mentally ill persons and those who support them face in navigating a complex process will be offered.

Thursday, March 2, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

### PROSE AND CONS

#### Ann Walmsley

Ann Walmsley is the author of *The Prison Book Club* (Penguin Canada), which won the 2016 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction. It was also longlisted for the 2016 RBC Taylor Prize, the 2016 BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction and named as best book of 2015 by the National Post. Published also by Oneworld in the UK and Commonwealth, and by Kinokuniya in Japan, the book has a forthcoming edition in China. Ann is a magazine journalist whose work has appeared in *The Globe and Mail*, *Report on Business Magazine*, *Maclean's* and many other publications. She is the recipient of four National Magazine Awards, a Canadian Business Journalism Award and two International Regional Magazine Awards. She started her first book club at age nine.



#### Session Overview:

For 18 months in 2011 and 2012, Ann Walmsley, an award winning journalist took part in two monthly book clubs in men's federal institutions: Collins Bay, then a medium-security prison in Kingston, Ontario, and Beaver Creek, then a minimum-security prison two hours north of Toronto. At the monthly gatherings, led by volunteers, the inmates discussed works of literary fiction and non-fiction on the type that book clubs on the outside were reading – titles ranging from Lawrence Hill's *The Book of Negroes* to John Steinbeck's classic *The Grapes of Wrath*, Ayaan Hirsi Ali's *Infidel* to Malcolm Gladwell's *Outliers*. Find out how engaging with literature helped bridge divides in the prison population and helped nurture

empathy among book club members. Discover which books produced the best discussion. Learn what impact it had on the men as they left prison and began rebuilding their lives. And hear how it changed Ann Walmsley as well. This bold experiment, started by a woman in Walmsley's own book club has now grown to more than 25 books clubs in federal institutions across Canada

Thursday, March 2, 2:00pm - 2:30pm

### FROM THE INSIDE OUT - YOUR AGENT FOR CHANGE

#### Gail McDougall & Barb Sokale - John Howard Society

The John Howard Society of Canada is a federation of provincial and local societies comprised of people whose mission is "effective, just and humane responses to the causes and consequences of crime." The goal of JHS is to understand and respond to problems of crime; to work with people who have come into contact with the law; to review, evaluate and advocate for changes in the criminal justice process; and to engage in public education on matters involving prison conditions, criminal law and its application.

#### Session Overview:

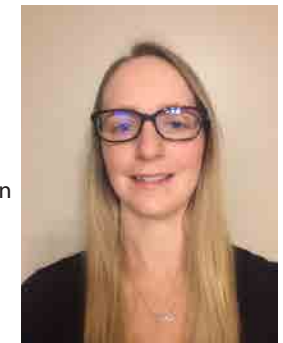
A brief session about what is currently happening in the provincial system and how John Howard can continue to help offenders both during and after incarceration.

Thursday, March 2, 2:45pm - 3:30pm

### THE REALITY OF RE-INTEGRATION: BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS FROM JAIL TO COMMUNITY

#### Jessica Thompson - Corrections Transition Team

Jessica Thompson is the Clinical Supervisor of the Corrections Transition Team-Calgary with AHS. She received her Master's in Counselling Psychology at the University of Alberta in 2008 and is a registered psychologist. She has been with the Corrections Transition Team since 2010, initially as a front line clinician then taking on the role of Clinical Supervisor in early 2014. In her role, she has sought to understand the barriers offenders face as they transition from the corrections system to the community and has been an advocate for collaboration across systems to enhance success in offender reintegration.



#### Session Overview:

A review of the challenges and barriers faced by offenders as they transition from provincial correctional facilities to the community. A look at the ways in which our different systems work, barriers, and the role of CTT in helping offenders navigate the various systems to access the supports they need.