



Elevating Indigenous Voices:

Indigenous Writers Series (IWS)

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SPARK 2025

A presentation to colleagues on the guiding principles of the Indigenous Writers Series, its connections to the ULethbridge Strategic Plan 2025, its outcomes to date, and intended future projects.

Our IWS Team



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Guiding Purpose:



Louise B. Halfe – Sky Dancer
Fall 2023

To elevate Indigenous voices
and examine how an
Indigenous Literature series
works to Indigenize the
university



Henry Heavyshield
Spring 2025



Visiting Author
Waubgeshig Rice
Oct. 3, 2024

Welcoming Ceremony: 11 - 11:30 AM, Ikalassini Meeting Centre
Faculty-Only Visit: 2 - 3:15 PM, B716
Public Reading & Book Signing: 6 - 7:30 PM, SA8002 Science Commons Theatre

Hosted by the Indigenous Writers Series

Author of the award-winning *Moon of the Crusted Snow* and *Moon of the Turning Leaves* Waubgeshig Rice from Wasauksing First Nation will visit University of Lethbridge for a day of activities, beginning with a Welcoming Ceremony and ending with a public reading. Bring your books to get signed!

Taking Action

Engage communities
Challenge boundaries, inspire
curiosity

Author Visits

Public film nights with discussion

Engage Communities

Engaging in
reconciliation
within the
university
community



Engage Communities

Cultural
revitalization and
resurgence



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I had such a wonderful time with you all! Chi-miigwech again for having me

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Engage Communities

Knowledge support
and allyship

visiting authors

Jessica Johns & Henry Heavyshield

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Wed Mar 12	Panel Discussion	10 - 11:45am The Atrium
Wed Mar 12	Welcoming Ceremony	1 - 1:30pm Iikaiskini Gathering Centre
Thur Mar 13	Public Reading & Signing with Jessica Johns, author of <i>Bad Cree</i>	6 - 7:30pm Science Commons Theatre

For more information.



*Challenge
Boundaries and
Inspire Curiosity*



Safe spaces with
cultural guidance





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**Interdisciplinarity
and Indigenization**





Liked by jessicastellaa and others

h.heavysield today was a real gift. i had the honour to sit on a panel with esteemed nêhiyaw writer Jessica Johns and university of lethbridge professors David Kootnikoff and Tara Million.

thank you Shannon for moderating and all you do as member of the Visiting Indigenous Writers Series. thank you to all the students and listeners who came out to hear us talk process and ndn lit.

thank you to Francis for your blessing and your stories. i learned a lot and had wicked fun today. and i even made it back to the rez in time to get some work done lol.

Challenge Boundaries and Inspire Curiosity

Relationships and connections across campus



Katamaatsin ~ Thank you



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