

BOOK RELEASE EVENT

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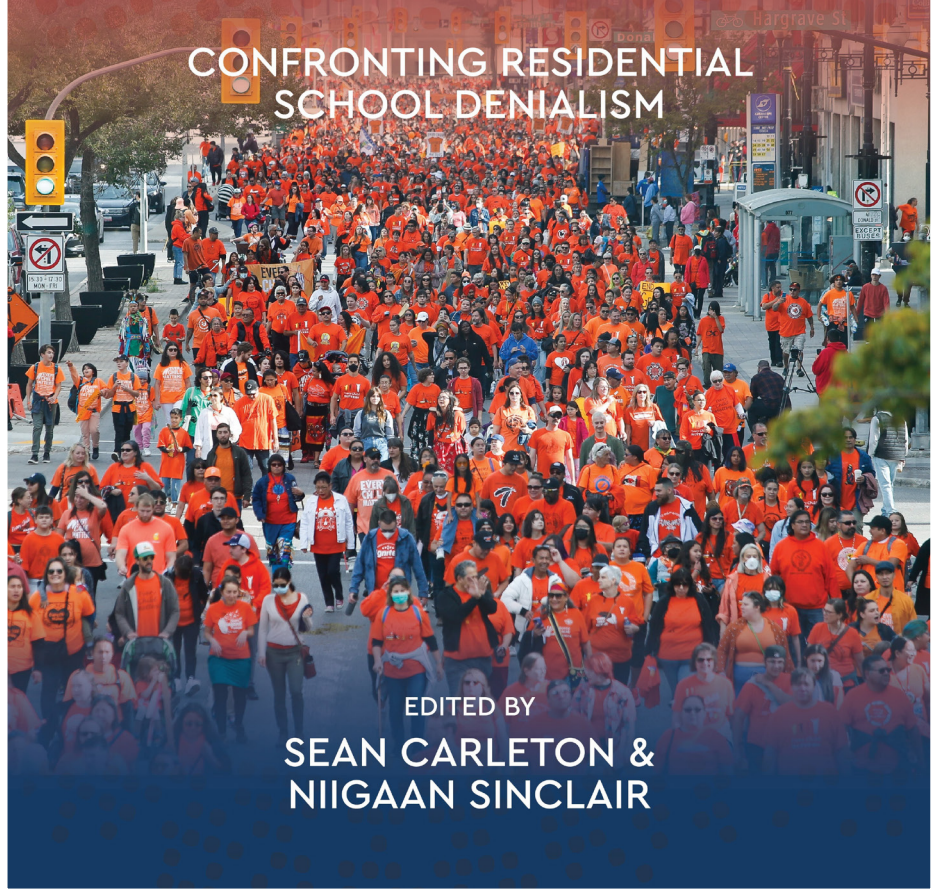
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at The
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**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7
2026**
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McMaster
House
Auditorium

TRUTH BEFORE RECONCILIATION

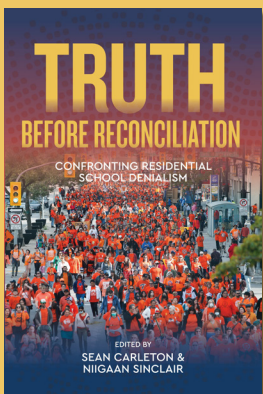
CONFRONTING RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL DENIALISM



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Embedded in the lived experiences of Survivors and supported by the evidentiary record, *Truth Before Reconciliation* is a valuable tool to help develop the historical and information literacy needed to identify and combat denialism and anti-Indigenous racism as we collectively build a more honourable future for all.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

6:30 pm

Doors open; Sign-in and Optional Smudge

7:00 pm

Opening - Grandmother Chickadee Richard

7:30 pm

PROGRAM

Greetings and Introductions

Lillian Klausen, President,
The Manitoba Teachers' Society

Panel

Niigaan Sinclair (Moderator)
Sean Carleton
Adele Perry
Andrew Woolford

Q & A

Tammy Ortynski, Staff Officer,
Professional and French Language Services,
The Manitoba Teachers' Society

Kelli Wiebe, Staff Officer,
Teacher Welfare, The Manitoba Teachers' Society

Closing

Arlyn Filewich, Executive Director,
The Manitoba Teachers' Society

Welcome to The Manitoba Teachers' Society's book release event for *Truth Before Reconciliation: Confronting Residential School Denialism*, edited by Sean Carleton and Niigaan Sinclair.

We are pleased to gather this evening to celebrate the publication of this important collection and to engage in a thoughtful conversation about truth, history, and reconciliation. Grounded in the lived experiences of Residential School Survivors and supported by extensive historical evidence, *Truth Before Reconciliation* examines the realities and impacts of residential school denialism while highlighting the importance of confronting misinformation and anti-Indigenous racism.

This evening's panel is moderated by co-editor Niigaan Sinclair and features co-editor Sean Carleton, along with contributors Adele Perry and Andrew Woolford. Together, they will reflect on the issues explored in the book, discuss the responsibilities of educators, scholars, and citizens in addressing denialism, and consider how truth-telling can contribute to a more just and honourable future.



Niigaan Sinclair
CO-EDITOR

Niigaan Sinclair is Anishinaabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and a professor at the University of Manitoba where he holds the Faculty of Arts Professorship in Indigenous Knowledge and Aesthetics in the Department of Indigenous Studies. Niigaan is also an award-winning writer, editor, and activist who was named to the "Power List" in 2022 by Maclean's magazine as one of the most influential individuals in Canada.



Sean Carleton
CO-EDITOR

Sean Carleton is a settler historian and associate professor in the departments of History and Indigenous Studies at the University of Manitoba. His award-winning research examines the history and political economy of schooling and settler capitalism in Canada.



Adele Perry
CONTRIBUTOR

Dr. Adele Perry is a settler historian of Canada, colonialism, gender, and Indigenous-settler relations. She currently holds the titles of Distinguished Professor in History and Women's and Gender Studies, and Director of the Centre for Human Rights Research at the University of Manitoba. In 2017, she was named a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and served as President of the Canadian Historical Association (CHA) from 2017-19.



Andrew Woolford
CONTRIBUTOR

Andrew Woolford is professor of sociology and criminology at the University of Manitoba, an emeritus member of the Royal Society of Canada College, and former president of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.