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*He huihuinga rangahau taha hauora hinengaro, taha oranga
mō te ārai whakamomori ki ngā iwi taketake o te ao*

Introducing our speakers

Symposium Convenor

[Dr Keri Lawson-Te Aho](#) (Convenor) is a mother of 9 children and grandmother of 2 from Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tāhu, Ngāti Porou; Ngāi Tūhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu, Samoa (Scanlan/Hunkin); Tāhiti (Fariu/Ropata); Scotland (McLaren); Denmark (Classen). She lost her mum to cancer at the age of 55 and has lost many whānau to preventable causes including suicide. This drives her strong passion for social justice and her commitment to political activism. Currently employed as a medical educator in Māori public health and a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Otago, Wellington, she has more than 30 years' experience in Māori public health development and policy and has been influential in many of the major Māori health developments since 1990 including the idea of whānau ora. Keri has extensive experience in whānau, hapū and iwi development. She was a Fulbright Scholar with the East West Center in Hawai'i in 1995 and completed research placements in Indigenous public health at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, Indian Health Services, School of Public Health, UC Berkley; Native American Research and Training Center at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Her research interests are in the areas of historical trauma, healing and suicide prevention Indigenous self-determination and tribal development. [See Keri's PhD here.](#) Keri is a member of the International World Dignity University Initiative (nominated in 2015, 2016 and 2017 for a Nobel Peace group prize); the Society of (American) Indian Psychologists, and is a New Zealand representative on the International Taskforce of Indigenous Psychologists. She is the most well published Māori scholar in the field of Māori suicide prevention and is in the process of writing a book on Māori suicide prevention to be published in 2018.

Keynote Speakers

Professor Sir Mason Durie KNZM FRSNZ FRANZCP is one of New Zealand's most respected academics, and was knighted in 2010 for services to public and Māori health. He has a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Otago, and has focused on improving Māori health outcomes for much of his career. In 1988 he was appointed Professor and Head of Te Pūtahi-ā-Toi, School of Māori Studies at Massey University and subsequent to that was appointed Chair of Māori Research and Development in 2002. Professor Sir Mason earned his DLit in literature from Massey University in 2003, and in 2009 Otago University awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate in health sciences from Simon Fraser University for his contributions to Indigenous health. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand since 1995 and a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit since 2001. He chaired the Taskforce on Whānau-Centred Initiatives that produced the Whānau Ora report for the Government in 2010 and remains involved in a wide range of tertiary, educational, health and social service boards through to the present day. He was the author of the Tūramarama Declaration for Indigenous Suicide Prevention in 2016.

Hon. Queen Pa Upokotini Ariki, OBE Queen Pa Tapaeru Teariki Upokotini Marie Ariki O.B.E., 37th (48th) Pa Ariki since 1990 born in September 1947, was invested with the title on 27th June 1990. President of the House of Ariki's 1992/2002, she was appointed Consul in Auckland by the Cook Islands Government in 2002, remaining in that post till March 2008. In the following year, she was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). Continuing the timeless legacy of leadership and guidance for her people, she is a strong advocate in the strengthening of cultural traditions in the wake of changing times.

Kaumātua Whaea Raiha Gray remembers growing up and hearing her elders use the term He Manu Tīoriori. The term referred to a woman of times past who was knowledgeable in reciting oral narratives and genealogy that was unfamiliar to many. Whaea Raiha has routinely supported Kiingitanga events in her role as a Ngaati Maahanga kuia over the past 30 years. She also lectures in waiata mōteatea and manu tīoriori/kaikāranga community classes.

Kaumātua Whaea Moe Milne, QSM grew up in Matawaia, Northland surrounded by a large whānau and the stories of Kawiti (Rangatira o Ngāti Hine). Her mother was a registered nurse and was well known in the rohe for caring for many whanaunga. She completed her schooling at Northland College, where she met a dear friend, a poet with mental illness who inspired her to explore the mechanics of the brain as a young teenager. Whaea Moe first trained at the psychopaedic hospital in Mangere, Auckland as a young adult, and then went onto Ngāwhatu Hospital (Nelson) to commence her formal training as a Psychiatric Nurse. There she, with other Māori established a kapa haka roopu of patients and staff which competed in and won various competitions. Whaea Moe went on to nurse at Kingseat Hospital in rural South Auckland where she worked with Dr Fraser Mc Donald. She spent some time in Scotland in the mid 1970's where treatments for patients were developing. She returned to Aotearoa, and nursed at Carrington Hospital in Auckland. At the end of 1980, Whaea Moe decided a new journey and returned home to Matawaia, where she trained as a teacher. With her heart still in mental health, she began to break new ground in Aotearoa in regard to improving status of Māori. She was Kaiwhakahaere for the Health and Disability Commissioner and was integral in embedding the code of rights and developing advance directives for users of health services. Whaea Moe also completed Ngā Tikanga Tōtika: Guidelines for Kaupapa Māori Mental Health Services. Whaea Moe continues to be active in contributing to and ensuring high quality services are available for whānau, at all levels – locally, regionally and nationally. She is known for her stance on Te Reo me ōna Tikanga, and has promoted Te Ao Māori perspectives in mental health services, Māori workforce development, Māori health research, and Whānau Ora. Whaea Moe is also a member of the Māori committee of the Royal Australia and NZ College of Psychiatrists, won the organisation's Mark Sheldon award in 2016, along with the Te Ao Maramatanga Māori Mental Health Nurses Award. In 2017, Whaea Moe was made an Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to health and Māori.

Kaumātua Moana Jackson is a New Zealand Māori lawyer specialising in Treaty of Waitangi and constitutional law and indigenous human rights. Dr Jackson is of Ngāti Kahungunu and Ngāti Porou descent. He was Director of Ngā Kaiwhakamarama I Ngā Ture (the Māori Legal Service) which he co-founded in 1987. He graduated in Law and Criminology at Victoria University of Wellington, and after a short period in practice took up the teaching of Māori language. He then undertook further study in the United States before returning to New Zealand to conduct research for the then Justice Department report on the Māori and the criminal justice system, He Whaipanga Hou. His report was published in 1988. He has also worked extensively overseas on international indigenous issues, particularly the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He was a judge on the International Tribunal of Indigenous Rights in Hawaii in 1993 and again in Canada in 1995. He was also counsel for the Bougainville Interim

Government during the Bougainville peace process. Moana was a vocal critic of the government's foreshore and seabed legislation in 2004. He was also a vocal critic of the October 2007 police 'terror' raids. He resigned as patron of the Police Recruit Wing 244 due to his opposition to how the raids were conducted saying "I do not buy that this was a racially-neutral act". He is also quoted as saying "Those who take power unjustly defend it with injustice." He teaches in the Māori Law and Philosophy degree programme at Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Associate Professor Dr Margaret Moss, PhD, JD, RN, a prominent American Indian nurse scientist, lives in the shadow of tragedy. Her mother died of complications from diabetes; her sister died of liver failure; her brother was killed in a motorcycle accident; and another brother died of HIV/AIDS. Her brother-in-law was murdered, and several aunts and uncles died prematurely. Moss, believes it is—by a health care system that fails to adequately serve American Indians that they have shorter life expectancies than other Americans and experience disproportionately high rates of death from diseases such as cirrhosis and diabetes, motor vehicle accidents and other unintentional injuries, and assault, homicide, and suicide. She became a nurse and began to fully understand how the “system” undermines the health, and the lives, of native people. That experience set her on a journey to explore ways to provide culturally sensitive long-term health care for American Indians. She earned her doctorate in nursing in 2000 and her JD in 2006—and in so doing became the only American Indian in the country who holds both degrees. Formerly associate professor and coordinator of the nursing management, policy, and leadership program at Yale University School of Nursing, Dr Moss is working to raise awareness about aging and health disparities faced by American Indians. In 2014, she accepted an American Fulbright Scholar Award to study aboriginal health in Montreal, Quebec. She is now the Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion and Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, University of Buffalo, New York.

Professor Malcolm King Dr. King is a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. He completed a Ph.D. in polymer chemistry at McGill University in Montreal and fellowships at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, and the Meakins-Christie Laboratories at McGill University. He has been a guest professor at several prestigious universities including the University of Freiburg (Germany), the University of São Paulo (Brazil), the University of Bern (Switzerland) and the University of Auckland (New Zealand). He has held faculty positions at the University of Alberta, where he was an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) Senior Scholar in the Pulmonary Medicine Division of the Department of Medicine. Recently, he had a faculty appointment at Simon Fraser University where he co-developed a course on Indigenous health in Canada, and supervised graduate students and other trainees. Dr. King also served as Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (CIHR-IAPH). He was instrumental in leading CIHR in the development of a national health research agenda aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity for First Nations Peoples, Métis and Inuit in Canada. Dr. King has been appointed as the new Scientific Director for SCPOR (Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research). Dr. King will bring not only a background in basic science but experience in citizen-engaged research.

Dr. Alexandra King, MD, FRCPC, is a member of the Nipissing First Nation (Ontario). She is an Internal Medicine Specialist with a focus on HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV/HCV co-infections. As a First Nation physician, her Indigenous-focus practice includes care for HIV/AIDS, HCV and co-infections, for which First Nations, Inuit, and Métis bear a disproportionate burden. She works at the Lu'ma Medical Centre (Vancouver), an Indigenous health and wellness centre providing excellence in care using both Indigenous and Western healing approaches. She also co-leads a collaborative project with the Atwood Clinic, Cariboo

Memorial Hospital and Interior Health to provide Williams Lake and surrounding communities with a shared model of hepatitis C care. As a First Nation researcher, Alexandra is a Principal Investigator on various CIHR research grants related to Indigenous people and HIV, HCV and co-infections. Other research interests include Indigenous wellness and Indigenous research ethics. She is Indigenousizing and re-visioning community-based research so it is centred on Indigenous ancestral wisdom and lived experience; similarly, she develops intervention research that is grounded in Indigenous epistemology, culture and wellness. Indigenous research philosophies and methodologies, as well as Two-Eyed Seeing, are combined to produce innovation and excellence in the research processes and outcomes, and peer-based navigation, support and research; land-based cultural retreats; land-based research; and arts-based research. Dr King was recently appointed as the first head of the Cameco chair in Indigenous health at the University of Saskatchewan

Professor Pat Dudgeon is from the Bardi people of the Kimberley in Western Australia. She was the first Aboriginal psychologist to graduate in Australia and has made outstanding contributions to Indigenous psychology and higher education. Pat was inaugural Chair of the Australian Indigenous Psychologist's Association. Pat is a Commissioner Australian National Mental Health Commission Research Professor and Project Leader, ARC Discovery Indigenous Grant, The School of Indigenous Studies. University of Western Australia. Chief Investigator on NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing and Honorary Research Fellow, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. University of Western Australia.

Dr Joseph B. Stone Joseph B. Stone, Ph.D., is a member of the Anmsakipikuni and Lakota tribes and was raised on Montana Indian Reservation cattle ranch. He is a graduate of Utah State University Combined Professional-Scientific Psychology Training Program American Indian Support Project. He has 22 years of professional experience as a director and program manager for various tribes and recently retired after six years as Chief of Department for Gallup Indian Medical Center Behavioral Health Services. Currently, Dr. Stone works as a clinical provider at Central Health Te Poutama Taukoko in Hastings, Central Health Package of Care Counseling at Hawkes Bay Regional Prison and Accord Psychological Services and Counseling at the Napier Family Centre. Dr. Stone has lectured internationally and published widely on indigenous behavioral health, addiction issues, and on methamphetamine assessment and treatment in tribal communities. He has also served as a behavioral health consultant to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

Amber Logan is a registered Psychologist (Health specialty), graduate of the University of Auckland Faculty of Medical & Health Science, a McLeod Scholar and mother of five. As a psychologist with a special interest in the relationship between mental and physical health, she has over 15 years of experience working in the individual and public health, and research. She is currently a PhD candidate, Professional Practice Fellow with the University of Otago School of Medicine, and leader of an international working group for the development of Health Psychologists working with indigenous peoples. Amber's work in methamphetamine use and addiction stems from her professional training, research work, and personal observation of the drug's effects in local communities. Amber grew up at Waipatu in Hawke's Bay and has lectured at a number of overseas Government agencies and institutions including the University of Washington and Harvard University.



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