2019 summary in media



Sacred Waterfalls Site in Ottawa - Annotated Resource Guide

This is based on two walking tours I gave in May as part of Jane's Walks Ottawa, of the Chaudiere Falls sacred site (Asinabka or Akikodjiwan in the Algonquin language). There have been efforts to protect the site since developers announced condo & commerce plans in 2013, that usurped a previous Algonquin vision for the site. * IMHO I've put together the most accessible comprehensive guide to this issue I know of; it includes many links, videos, and exclusive audio segments, and a tribute to the late chief Harry St. Denis.

Canada's Indigenous Suicide Crisis is Worse Than We Thought

In-depth exploration and analysis of a new Statistics Canada report with more detailed and accurate data than previously available. * This is a followup to my 2018 article and multi-media on the Indigenous Suicide Crisis in Canada, featuring the work of authors Roland Chrisjohn and Shaunessy McKay (*Dying To Please You: Indigenous Suicide in Contemporary Canada*) and of the Indigenous youth organization We Matter's national Hope Forum event.

Solidarity with the People and Social Movements of Brazil

In-depth analysis of the election of, and the threats posed by, new fascist president Jair Bolsonaro. Includes three half-hour audios.

Part C: *Recordings*

Joan Kuyek's Unearthing Justice book launch (70-min)

Subtitled "How To Protect Your Community From The Mining Industry", Kuyek's book is the first such comprehensive resource for Canada. She was founding director of MiningWatch Canada from 1999-2009; this launch was held alongside the organization's 20th anniversary. Other speakers: Monique Manatch (Indigenous Culture & Media Innovations), Jamie Kneen (MiningWatch), Eriel Tchekwie Deranger (Indigenous Climate Action).

*Also see: My review of, and video interview with Kuyek for, her previous book *Community Organizing: A Holistic Approach*

December 6th Vigil (Ottawa) for the Montreal Massacre (10-min) Volunteers reading the names and short biographies of the 14 women killed in the 1989 Montreal Massacre, as well as of five women killed in the local area in 2018.

Alt-Right Masculinities: A Talk by Dale Spencer (21-min)

Analysis to understand the rise of the alt-right phenomenon, that includes the ChristChurch New Zealand mosque massacres and the Toronto 'incel' van attack, as well as the rise of Trump, 4chan, and more. This analysis is not widely-understood, but vitally important.

Algonquin-led canoe procession on the Rideau Canal (4-min)

A short compiled video of part of the opening of the inaugural National Arts Centre's Indigenous Theatre program.

Part B: Interviews

Sarah Blyth, Vancouver Overdose Prevention Society director The overdose crisis and necessary solutions are nor prioritized

enough for how many people are dying. Listening to those on the front-lines is important; Vancouver is ground-zero of the crisis. * Highlights from this interview were used for a 2-minute PSA video for the National Overdose Awareness Day in February.

Slts'lani (Banchi Hanuse) Nuxalk Radio program manager

The Nuxalk Nation is located in the area of Bella Coola, BC. They started the radio station in 2014 to help promote their language, nationhood, and stewardship of their homelands - to decolonize. * Slts'lani also wrote, directed, and produced a documentary film Cry Rock about preserving the Nuxalkmc language.

Climate Strike Ottawa - September 27, 2019

A very short video interview with Carmen and her mom Kim, who were at the Ottawa-Gatineau convergence at Parliament along with 20,000-40,000 others. Also another video & audio recordings.

Marcelo Sabuc of the CCDA, from Guatemala

Understanding the situation in Guatemala with resistance to mining, hydroelectric dams, and agri-business, that had resulted in the killings of 5 members of CCDA, aka Highland Peasants (Small Farmers) Committee, and 21 human rights defenders overall in 2018. The CCDA's coffee is sold as Café Justicia in Canada via solidarity activists, with net proceeds to support the CCDA's work.

Part D: Miscellaneous

Cat takes the field for Monday Night Football

A quick video compilation of the play-by-play and responses by cats and dog watching on their TVs at home.

Intervention at the NCC for the Sacred Site

Video of my question about Algonquin Nation consultation for the sacred Chaudiere Falls site development, at the National Capital Commission board of directors public meeting - and their response.

PowerShift Canada climate conference videos

A post with six videos from the previous PowerShift conferences in Ottawa, 2009 + 2012, published together for this year's event.

Groundwire Radio News contributions

Find the segments I helped produce for this community radio syndicated half-hour bi-weekly radio magazine: groundwirenews.ca

Indymedia 20th anniversary syllabus (google doc)

A listing of resources on the formation, impact, and possibilities provided by the global Independent Media Center network, started at the Seattle 1999 WTO (World Trade Organization) protests.

UPDATED - Extending the Conversation: MMIMB

Added videos of two February walks honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Men and Boys, to this article (one of the most visited on my site, b/c there's very little out there about MMIMB)