## MSSTA MTS PD Day – October 20, 2023

# "Teaching in an Age of Polarization and Extremism"

Canada and other countries across the globe are currently facing challenges related to growing polarization in their communities. Political, socio-economic, environmental, and other issues incite strong and opposing views, further entrenched by manipulative algorithms and the echo chambers created by social media. Recently—and particularly during the pandemic—this polarization has led to an increase in extremism and radicalism. Research suggests radicalization can take place as early as adolescence, particularly in marginalized youth. However, the roots of extreme behaviour can be established in the Early Years making this issue important to all educators from Kindergarten to Grade 12. As social science teachers, we have a professional duty to help our students understand and develop the skills needed to resist this growing phenomenon.

This year's MSSTA MTS PD Day is being delivered in partnership with ERiM (Extremism and Radicalization to Violence Prevention in Manitoba). ERiM is an organization of Manitoba educators and education stakeholders funded by Public Safety Canada to develop a resource for teachers to recognize and counter radicalization within their schools before it occurs. We are pleased to launch this new resource at our October PD Day and to welcome our keynote speaker Dr. Barbara Perry, one of the foremost Canadian experts in the areas of radicalization, right-wing extremism, and hate crime along with our plenary panelists, Brad Galloway and Mubin Shaikh.

#### Fees:

	Before October 1st	Starting October 1st
Full Day Conference & Membership	\$85	\$110
Half Day Conference & Membership	\$70	\$95
Full Day Conference (Non-Member)	\$100	\$125
Half Day Conference (Non-Member)	\$85	\$110
Education Students, MSSTA Executive,	\$20	\$20
and Volunteers (ID may be required)		

### **General Schedule**

8:00-9:00	Registration, Check-In, Displayers	Main Foyer
9:00-9:15	Welcome/Introductions	Gym
9:15-10:00	Keynote	Gym
10:00-10:20	Displayers/Coffee	Common Area
10:20-11:10	Concurrent Session #1	Various Classrooms
11:15-12:00	Panel	Gym
12:00-12:55	Lunch	Gym
1:00-1:50	Concurrent Session #2	Various Classrooms
1:50-2:05	Displayers/Coffee	Common Area
2:05-2:55	Concurrent Session #3	Various Classrooms
3:00-3:30	AGM	ТВА

#### Keynote Address: Dr. Barbara Perry - "The Continuum of Hate and Its Impact on Radicalization: A Primer for Educators"



Recent years have seen significant growth in an array of manifestations of hate, both in Canada and elsewhere in the world. In this keynote address, Dr. Perry will focus on the contexts and contours that characterize these disturbing trends. In particular, she will examine the rise in political discourses of hate, hate crimes, online hate, and right-wing extremism in Canada, and will discuss specific considerations of the ways in which educators can intervene to stem the tide.

Dr. Barbara Perry is the Director of the Centre on Hate, Bias and Extremism. She has written extensively in the area of hate crime and right-wing extremism. Her books include:

In the Name of Hate: Understanding Hate Crimes

Hate and Bias Crime: A Reader

The Silent Victims: Hate Crimes Against Native Americans

She is also General Editor of a five-volume set on hate crime (Praeger), and Editor of Volume 3: The Victims of Hate Crime, which is part of that set.

Dr. Perry has written on policing diverse communities, including work on social control in Native American communities. She has made substantial contributions to the limited scholarship on hate crime in Canada. Most recently, she has contributed to a scholarly understanding of anti-Muslim violence, hate crime against LGBTQ communities, the community impacts of hate crime, and right-wing extremism.

#### Plenary Panel Discussion: Brad Galloway & Mubin Shaikh - "Insights from Former Extremists"





Research suggests there is no single pathway to radicalization or violent extremism, but there are common patterns. Many former extremists, or "formers" as they are commonly referred to, suggest that preventing radicalization to violent extremism requires a multi-dimensional response, involving support from parents and care-givers educators, law enforcement officials, and other credible formers.

Brad Galloway is the Coordinator at the Centre on Hate, Bias and Extremism, where he coordinates public outreach and events and has been tasked to build the Global Network Against Hate. He brings a wealth of experience from his work in the countering and preventing violent extremism and terrorism space, and his more recent work with NGO's such as Life After Hate. He conducts consultancy and mentorship work with the Evolve program at the Organization for the Prevention of Violence. He has also worked as a research assistant on a number of projects that are currently funded by Public Safety Canada and the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society. Mr. Galloway has served as a consultant for Google, Moonshot CVE, and the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, among others. His primary research interests include right-wing extremism and terrorism, preventing and countering violent extremism, and the roles of former extremists in combating violent extremism. Mr. Galloway draws from his lived experiences in the far right, which he left behind in 2011.

Mubin Shaikh is a former supporter of extremism turned undercover operative for CSIS and the RCMP, with extensive experience working in radicalized and extremist circles. He was the primary witness in the 5 legal hearings related to the 4-year prosecution of the so-called "Toronto 18" group and was extensively involved in anti-ISIS activities for the United States and allied military, intelligence, and special operations forces. Mr. Shaikh is well known in international specialist circles and has had opportunities to

address the United Nations General Assembly, the UN Security Council, Canadian Parliament and other national and international organizations. He was recently a Professor of Public Safety at Seneca College and currently works with the renowned U.S.-based NGO "Parents 4 Peace", where he conducts direct interventions in low- and high-profile extremism and terrorism cases. Mr. Shaikh has a Master of Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism, whose work is featured in a permanent exhibit in the New International Spy Museum in Washington D.C.

### **Concurrent Sessions**

Please Note: MSSTA makes every effort to ensure that sessions are consistent with their values, however, decisions on session offerings are made based on brief descriptions supplied by presenters. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us directly.

### Concurrent Session #1 (10:20-11:10am)

Session	Title	Description	Presenter(s)	Position	Organizational Affiliation
1-01	Follow-up Q and A to Keynote Presentation: The Continuum of Hate and Its Impact on Radicalization: A Primer for Educators	This session is a continuation of the keynote address with Dr. Barbara Perry.	Dr. Barbara Perry	Keynote Speaker	Director – Centre on Hate, Bias and Extremism
1-02	Johnny Don't Bring Your Gun to School: Understanding and Applying the ERIM Toolkit in the High School Classroom	An exploration of the ERIM (Extremism and Radicalization to Violence Prevention in Manitoba) toolkit for teachers with a focus on integrating the idea of preventing radicalization into subject areas.	Larry Paetkau	Retired High School Teacher	ERIM
1-03	Teaching and Learning in the Age of Extremism and Polarization: A Model to Understand Discourses and Identities in Classrooms	Discourses are flows of communication in our world. Discourses inform identities, and identities inform discourses that impact how we think, communicate, and live. This presentation includes a	Tim Beyak	Louis Riel School Division	

		model to consider the			
		complexities of discourse			
		and identity in the			
		classroom around social			
		studies teaching and			
		learning for anti-extremism			
		and democratic citizenship.			
1-04	Teaching Canadian	Award winning educator	Greg Shedden	High School	Winnipeg School
	History for Today's	with over 30 years'	Ben Shedden	Teacher	Division
	Learners Using a Thematic	experience outlines			
	Approach	processes for teaching			
		Canadian History using a			
		thematic approach that also			
		integrates spiral elements.			
		Students are guided as they			
		create the goals for the			
		course in the first 2 weeks			
		creating a mind map of the			
		issues that we are presently			
		struggling to understand.			
		The instructor then begins			
		with a study of our			
		Indigenous peoples from			
		pre-colonial times until the			
		issues of today. Students			
		then choose the next			
		modern issue that they wish			
		to explore through a study			
		of the history that created			
		that issue.			

1-05	Humanitarian Education	Participants will explore	Karyn Stone	International	Canadian Red Cross
1 03	Workshop	classroom activities that	Rai yii Stone	Humanitarian	Cariadian Neu Ci USS
	VVOIKSITOP	introduce the principles of		Law Coordinator	
		International Humanitarian		Law Coordinator	
		Law (IHL) and related issues			
		to young people.			
		Participants will learn to			
		implement practical			
		activities dealing with issues			
		relating to global conflict;			
		international humanitarian			
		law; human rights; war			
		crimes; refugees; child			
		soldiers; gender-based			
		violence; attacks on civilians,			
		hospitals, and schools; and environmental destruction			
		due to war.			
		The Humanitarian Education			
		(HEd) teacher training			
		utilizes an easy-to-use,			
		adaptable toolkit aimed at			
		students 13 – 18 years of			
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		age.			
		The content of the HEd			
		training complements			
		academic subjects such as			
		global issues, social studies,			
		Biobai issues, social studies,			

		history, law, and language arts.  Participants will be introduced to the interactive resource Forced to Fight, the Exploring Humanitarian Law toolkit, and Canada and Conflict manual.			
1-06	Red River Heritage Fair Prior Continuity and Change	Preparing Educators, Provide Lesson Plans, Rubrics, how to prepare and participate during the Red River Heritage Fair While Applying Different Historical Thinking Concepts.	Orysya Petryshyn Joanna Dawson	High School Teacher	Winnipeg School Division
1-07	Was Canada's participation in the Korean War successful?	This session introduces participants to one of the lessons in SSENC's newly published resource: Canada's Participation in the Korean War: Inquiry, Historical Thinking, and Action. The session gives an overview of the project and the individual lesson.	Robert Jardine	High School Teacher	Social Studies Educators Network of Canada
1-08	Welcome- Ahlan W Shalan - Refugee story in Canadian schools, A personal Memoir	I am a high school teacher in Winnipeg, and my Canadian education journey began as a teenage refugee from	Izzeddin Hawamda	High School Teacher	Seven Oaks School Division

Palestine in 2003. Soon after	
my family and I arrived in	
Canada I was placed in an	
English as an Additional	
Language class, along with	
eight other refugee	
students. As refugees, we	
were treated very	
differently by the other	
students in our high school.	
We always watched life	
from the sidelines and were	
never invited to be part of	
the school community. I	
remember going to school	
events and standing at the	
gym door, afraid to enter	
because the other students	
would make fun of how I	
spoke "broken" English.	
As my heart stumbles	
between Palestine and	
Canada, I often feel lost. As I	
teach my classes every	
morning, I bring the smell of	
Thyme from my land along	
with being told to "go back	
home" in my first month in	
Canada. I have come to	
understand that many	
newcomer students I teach	

	Treaty Education for All: Teaching Treaties Across the Curriculum	felt when I arrived in Winnipeg. As a teacher, I have started to share more of my story with my students in hopes to create space for their stories. As we engage in telling our collective story, words leave our hearts like a scared gazelle so quickly, so painfully echoing our presence and struggles. In June, Manitoba Education announced that all teachers must be trained in Treaty Education by 2026. The plan, called Treaty Education for All, outlined initiatives for teachers and students to explore Treaties and their importance as foundational land-sharing agreements. This session will provide an overview of Treaty Education, K-12, along with practical and meaningful tips for cross- curricular implementation.	Connie Wyatt Anderson	Treaty Education Lead	Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba
1-10	Dealing with Controversy	One of the most difficult	Michael	High School	Hanover School

		dealing with controversial issues when they come up in class. This session will provide social studies teachers with practical suggestions for how to handle controversial topics in a sensible way that doesn't put their careers in jeopardy.			
1-11	PRIDE VS Protestors	Recently, one of the LRSD board members posted homophobic/anti-trans content on social media, despite contractually agreeing to support the division's policies on equity and diversity. The board member's subsequent suspension led to a protest by her supporters at a board meeting, where police had to be called. How can I teach in a division where there is such division?	Pamela Schoen	High School Teacher	Louis Riel School Division
1-12	Educators for Climate Justice	Educators for Climate Action is a group to support K-12 climate action in Manitoba, which includes nature play, outdoor education, landbased learning, and	Scott Durling	Teacher	Seven Oaks School Division

		ecological justice. This morning's session will involve a climate action in schools panel, followed by collaborative dialogue.			
1-13	Teaching History Through and Early Years Lens	Have you ever struggled to engage younger students with history? Have you ever resisted teaching difficult topics around Canada's history? Anyone that has taught elementary age students knows the difficulties with teaching social studies in a meaningful manner. In this presentation, I will explain how my experiences as a brief high school history teacher and history enthusiast myself, have translated into my current role as a grade 4/5 teacher. I will provide examples, learning experiences, tips, and tricks that I have discovered in my first few years of teaching. My goal is to show how I have found success in getting students to understand Canada's	Scott Templeton	Teacher	St. James-Assiniboia School Division

	history and their role in		
	addressing the wrongs of		
	the past.		

# Concurrent Session #2 (1:00-1:50pm)

Session	Title	Description	Presenter(s)	Position	Organizational Affiliation
2-01	ERIM toolkit and its use	ERIM project has developed a toolkit over the last 2 years and this workshop intends to show how to use the toolkit for the educators.	<b>Dr. Kawser Ahmed</b> Gehdian Wardrope	ERIM Project lead and Adjunct Professor	ERIM/UW
2-02	What Teachers Do	Social studies teachers educate youth for democratic citizenship—engaging students in conversations about their world, about political responsibilities and shared obligations. It is hard work and can be emotionally exhausting. This session considers what social studies teachers may already know—and often implicitly and indirectly enact—about working with students in ways that prevent radicalization to violence.	Lloyd Kornelsen	University Professor	ERIM/UW
2-03	What's Driving Youth Radicalization to Violence and What We Can Do?	This session begins with an overview of the curriculum guide Extremism And	Marianne Cerilli	former high school guidance counsellor, former MLA, RRC	ERIM

		Radicalization to Violence Prevention in Manitoba. We will then take a big picture of the various types of drivers of this dangerous trend. What should be the focus of educators in and outside of the classroom to address these factors, setting the stage to put the hearts and minds of youth at risk to the "psychology of hate".		Instructor, UM UW Contract faculty	
2-04	Our Shared Future	MCC has developed an experiential learning activity exploring collective climate actions rooted in belonging. The activity works best for groups of 15-40 people and can be completed in a 1-hour or 90-minute timeframe. Tailoring options for different age groups are also available.  Throughout the activity, groups explore actions individuals and communities can take to lessen the impacts of climate change. Participants assemble in	Marta Bunnett Wiebe	Peace & Advocacy Program Coordinator	Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba

		small groups to work through scenarios, consider their leverage points, encounter disparity between the different actors globally, and reflect on how climate action contributes to peacebuilding. Overall, this activity aspires to guide participants to recognize that our collective potential to address the climate crisis is tied to our understanding of belonging.			
2-05	Teaching the Sustainable Development Goals	MCIC works with teachers across the province to offer classroom workshops, learning resources, and Generating Momentum student conferences on global issues. In this session, teachers will learn about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including lesson plans and resources to take home for immediate use. The session will include 2-3 hands-on activities for teachers to engage with and bring back to their classrooms, plus access to	Grace Van Mill	Public Engagement Specialist	Manitoba Council for International Cooperation

		our educator's guide			
		Sustainable Foundations: A			
		Guide for Teaching the			
		SDGs.			
2-06	How to develop media	This workshop will teach	Matthew	Director of	Media Smarts
	literacy skill	critical media literacy	Johnson	Education	
		knowledge for the educators			
2-07	Landscapes of Injustice:	During World War II	Katherine	Elementary	Winnipeg School
	Teaching Japanese	Japanese Canadians not only	Sheppard	School Teacher	Division
	Canadian Internment	faced racism and	Clara Kusumoto		
		discrimination but were	Lindsey Griffin		
		removed from their homes			
		and communities and placed			
		into prison camps by the			
		Canadian Government. Their			
		homes and properties were			
		taken from them, which had			
		a long-term impact on the			
		Japanese Canadian			
		community. This			
		presentation provides			
		teachers with the resources			
		and lesson plans needed to			
		teach Japanese Canadian			
		internment and			
		dispossession of home.			
2-08	Teaching Inflation and the	Inflation is top of mind for	Heather	Museum	Bank of Canada
	economy: An overview	Canadians of all ages —but	Montgomery	education	
	with the Bank of Canada	what causes it, how do we		specialist	
	Museum	measure it, and what does			
		the central bank do about			

		it? Join the Bank of Canada for a presentation about inflation and learn about some teaching supports to continue the conversation in your classroom.			
2-09	LandED Green Guide	The landED Green Guide was conceived to help schools develop curriculumbased activities and learning opportunities with the land. It offers safe and inclusive lesson plans and exercises that encourage critical thought about climate resilience, ecosystems, reconciliation, stewardship and sustainability through nature observation and outdoor exploration.	Darcy Granove	Principal Landscape Architect	Little Bluestem Landscape Architecture
2-10	Exploring Human Rights through Podcasting and Personal Narratives: A Collaborative Project for Social Studies and ELA	In our collaboration between Social Studies and ELA, students researched a human rights issue, examining its impact on an individual. They crafted their findings into a compelling narrative using creative writing and audio engineering, resulting in moving podcasts. This	Madison Hanson Kyra Swartz Noah Chochinov	High School Teacher	Gray Academy of Jewish Education

		session will provide teachers with insights to implement this skills-based project in their own classrooms.			
2-11	1919 Winnipeg General Strike - The Effect on Young People	Based on real events in the General Strike, the novel City on Strike follows two children from an impoverished immigrant family and shows how they were affected. The novel addresses the issues of inequalities, misinformation and racism toward 'foreigners,' with parallels to issues in society today.	Harriet Zaidman	Writer for young people	N/A
2-12	The (Inherently) Political Classroom	The social science classroom of today is inherently a political space; every day, students and teachers bring with them their own political understandings and leanings. With political polarization becoming more prevalent and continued pressure from neoliberal influences, the role of social studies teachers in high school classrooms is becoming more important than ever. If the role of	Kevin Lopuck	High School Teacher and PhD Student	Lord Selkirk School Division

		social studies courses is to prepare our students to live as active participants in our democracies, then it is critical that social studies teachers allow students to engage in difficult dialogue and deliberation and embrace the political. By doing so we better prepare our students for the reality of their future democratic participation. In this session			
		we will discuss the theoretical and practical			
		components of teacher			
		decisions around the use of contentious dialogue.			
2-13	Teaching and Learning about Genocide Through Visiting Memorials (Experiential Learning)	The Holocaust is the defining event that prompted the birth of the modern human rights movement. It stands out among the horrors that humankind has inflicted upon itself by virtue of the systematic nature employed by the Nazis and their collaborators to eradicate the Jewish people. Many decades later, antisemitism,	Kelly Hiebert Naama Samphir	High School Teacher	St. James Assiniboine School Division

Holocaust denial and distortion of the historical record persist amid xenophobia, genocides and an increasing threat to democratic values. Effective training of educators/students is key to successful teaching about this unprecedented destruction and will preserve the memory of persecuted and murdered individuals and groups. The program seeks to equip teachers with the tools to inspire their students to think critically, to be aware of their responsibility to society, and to confront antisemitism and hate. To create an opportunity for educators to visit the sites where the Holocaust occurred. To provide a common experience that will forge empathetic and compassionate relationships. To inspire the imagination of students for a world free of antisemitism,

		discrimination, and		
		genocide, with human rights		
		for all.		
2-14	Educators for Climate	Educators for Climate Justice	Scott Durling	
	Justice	is a group to support K-12		
		climate action in Manitoba,		
		which includes nature play,		
		outdoor education, land-		
		based learning, and		
		ecological justice. This		
		afternoon's session will be		
		off-site involving hands-on		
		learning and collaborative		
		discussion at Seven Oaks		
		Land-based Learning Centre.		
		***Please note this is a		
		double session and		
		participants will be off-site		
		from 1-3:00***		

# Concurrent Session #3 (2:05pm-2:55pm)

Session	Title	Description	Presenter(s)	Position	Organizational Affiliation
3-01	The Power of Dialogue:	In an effort to address	Izzeddin	High School	ERIM/Seven Oaks
	Sharing, Listening, and Respecting Narratives	polarization and extremism, schools must increasingly provide opportunities for students and staff to build the skills necessary to humanize others. By sharing personal narratives, we start to weave together the fabric of relationships, traditions, successes, perspectives, and traumas, bringing all parties closer together.	Hawamda	Teacher	School Division
3-02	The Uncommon Potential of Common Classrooms	Classroom storytelling, practiced carefully and consistently, may offer a mode for putting light to the radicalizing lie that our differences will always and must always define and divide us. This session will connect the ERIM toolkit to Peace and Conflict Studies, Indigenous Studies, and classroom insights on storytelling.	Dr. Marc Kuly	Professor	ERIM/University of Winnipeg
3-03	"Behold a greater than themselves:"	The global rise in far-right nationalism has exacerbated	Saad Khan	University Instructor	ERIM/UW

	Understanding the linear	identity-based politics in the			
	and sequential	Western Hemisphere, and			
	progression of	Canada has not been			
	Radicalization	immune to its stirrings.			
		Identity, which is the			
		defining element of			
		radicalization, has been			
		used by politicians to stoke			
		the flames of xenophobia			
		and nativism in Global North			
		countries, including Canada.			
		In such a charged			
		environment, it is critical			
		that educators are cognizant			
		of the different stages which			
		constitute radicalization.			
		This session provides a			
		comprehensive overview of			
		the dynamics of			
		radicalization and its			
		different stages to empower			
		educators to save at-risk			
		students from falling prey to			
		the scourge of radicalization			
		leading to violent			
		extremism.			
3-04	Every Teacher has a Role	Early Years Educators are	Linda Mlodzinski	Retired	ERIM
	to Play: Radicalization	often the first professionals		elementary,	
	Prevention Starts in the	to become aware of		middle, and high	
	Early Years	vulnerable children who		school teacher	
		may be at risk of			

		radicalization in the future. This session will provide K-4 teachers with an overview of the new resource, Extremism and Radicalization to Violence Prevention in Manitoba, including warning signs and early intervention strategies.		and social studies consultant	
3-05	Anti-Oppression in the Compassionate Classroom	This workshop defines community agreements for brave spaces, what oppression is and factors that lead to a group being oppressed and ends with how to implement antioppressive practices using compassion.	Mitchell DeFehr Dr. Sandra Krahn	Education Coordinator	Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties (MARL)
3-06	Coalition Government Simulation Game	Coalition Government is a competitive and cooperative game for 3-8 players, aged 12 and up, who act as leaders of political parties. The objective for each player is to form a government with an attractive platform of policies that also ensures that their own policy goals are adopted. Playtime: 40	Glenn Morison	Retired correctional chaplain with a board game hobby	Volunteer in Winnipeg School Division

		minutes This cooperative			
		and competitive game			
		speaks directly to the			
		conference theme.			
3-07	Social Studies and the	This session will offer	Linda Connor	Curriculum	Manitoba Education
	new Framework for	practical ways Social Studies		consultant	
	Learning Vision	can facilitate the new			
		Framework for Learning			
		Vision for all students to			
		reach their full potential.			
3-08	Tools for Teaching About	Marianne will share tools,	Marianne Cerilli	Independent	Marianne Cerilli -
	Politics	learning activities, and		Consultant	Change Agent,
		resources for teaching about			Community
		politics in an engaging,			Development for
		empowering, and			Health, Sustainability,
		experiential way. Helping			Peace
		students develop their			
		critical thinking skills, an			
		ability for analysis, outside			
		the box systems thinking			
		needed for social innovative			
		needed to address the			
		complex challenges we face,			
		including threats to			
		democracy. Teen age			
		activist Greta Thumberg			
		said, "the politics we need			
		has not been invented yet",			
		Marianne has some tools			
		and ideas for that.			

3-09	Continuity and Change:	A genocide begins with the	Orysya	High School	Winnipeg School
	The 90th Anniversary of	killing of one person, not	Petryshyn	Teacher	Division
	the Holodomor Genocide	because of what he has			
	in Ukraine, Current War in	done, but because of who	Valentina	Director of	
	Ukraine and by seizing	he is KOFI ANNAN	Kuryliw	Education of the	
	Ukraine's grain,	Secretary General of the UN,		Holodomor	
	effectively using food as a	2001		Research and	
	weapon of war			Education	
				Consortium	
		This workshop gives			
		educators new information			
		about the Holodomor			
		genocide in Ukraine (1932-			
		1933), introduces			
		interactive methodologies			
		and engaged learning			
		activities for teaching it, and			
		provides teachers with new			
		primary and secondary			
		resources, lesson plans,			
		handouts and digital			
		educational resources for			
		classroom use. The			
		workshop will examine why			
		it is important to learn			
		about the Holodomor, apply			
		and discuss Continuity and			
		Change: Teaching the			
		Holodomor Genocide in			
		Ukraine on its 90th			
		Anniversary and the Current			

		War in Ukraine – Using Food as a Weapon.			
3-10	Polio Epidemic of the 1950s and Expropriation of the Metis from RoosterTown	Based on real events, my novel, Second Chances is a discussion of events during the polio epidemic of the 1950s in Winnipeg, vaccination resistance at the time and systemic racism toward Metis residents of Rooster Town. The issues are parallel with those that developed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Second Chances won the Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People in 2022.	Harriet Zaidman	Writer for Young People	N/A
3-11	Connecting your inquiry classroom with experts using "The Collaborative"	Inquiry-based learning fosters essential skills like critical thinking, creativity, and empathy. "The/La Collaborative" elevates this approach, bridging the gap between teachers and university experts to enrich the learning experience. It serves as a human textbook, connecting educators with academic researchers across diverse fields. Discover how	Robert Jardine	High School Teacher	Social Studies Educators Network of Canada

		you can seamlessly integrate these experts into your inquiry or project-based classroom. Hear firsthand experiences from educators and explore the potential to amplify your students' learning journeys. Maybe even start your collaborative request today!			
3-12	Remembrance Day Planning – Keeping it meaningful	Social Studies teachers are often called upon to lead or help organize school-wide Remembrance Day ceremonies. This session will provide a forum for participants to share practical ideas and past practices with the goal of providing logistical and creative ways of organizing meaningful, contemporary and educational assemblies. The presenters have designed a series of Remembrance Day presentations over the years and will be sharing one of their favourite ones with participants. (Bring a memory stick!)	Kevin Szajkowski and Timothy Parker	High School Teachers	Louis Riel School Division