



ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION Board of Directors



Dr. J. Maki Motapanyane, Chair (Calgary) is an experienced researcher in the Humanities, with more than a decade of practice in academic program and university policy development. Her doctoral work is immersed in the methods of historical inquiry. In addition, Maki's service work has included alliance building between diverse community constituencies, cultivating partnerships, and community outreach in both academic and non-academic settings. She is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Humanities at Mount Royal University.

Aimee Benoit, Vice Chair (Lethbridge) is curator at the Galt Museum & Archives in Lethbridge, and an Individualized Study Tutor for Athabasca University's Heritage Resource Management program. She has previously worked as a heritage consultant, conducting community heritage surveys and historic place research. She holds a BA in History and two Master's degrees (Cultural Heritage, and Geography). She is currently working toward a PhD in Cultural, Social and Political Thought at the University of Lethbridge, with a research focus on place and belonging.



Dr. Lindsay Amundsen-Meyer (Calgary) is a Project Archaeologist at Lifeways of Canada Limited. She has more than 10 years of experience working with Historical Resources in Western Canada, in the Historical Resources Management, government and academic sectors. Lindsay has directed a multi-year research project on the Southern Alberta Plains and worked on archaeological investigations in the Boreal Forest, Plains and Rocky Mountains. She has been involved in diverse projects related to a variety of historical resources, including archaeological sites, standing historic structures, cultural landscapes and sacred places/place names.

Lindsay completed both her Bachelor's and Doctoral degrees at the University of Calgary, during which she studied both archaeology and museum and heritage studies. Her doctoral research focused on examination of settlement patterning, cultural landscape and place names along the Old North Trail in Southern Alberta. Lindsay has a special interest in fostering public awareness of the history of Alberta and the archaeological resources of this province. To this end, she involved volunteers throughout her dissertation fieldwork, has been involved with public archaeology programs and First Nations Field Skills Training programs conducted by Lifeways, and has made numerous public presentations on archaeological projects she has directed.

Michael Dougherty (Airdrie) is the Economic Development Officer for the City of Airdrie. Prior to his current municipal work, he was involved in the culture and tourism sector as curator of the Cairstairs Heritage Centre and a consultant working throughout central and southern Alberta. Michael has been professionally involved in the heritage field since arriving in Alberta in 2001. Before putting down roots here, he was a professional musician working across North America. While it sometimes seems like a strange past-life, Michael still carries a deep passion for music. Michael's personal time is devoted to his family, and he enjoys nothing more than a weekend in the mountains with them.



Joe Friedel (Edmonton) is an Information Technology manager with ATB Financial and leads a team of specialists who support a portfolio of banking applications. Like many people with an interest in heritage, he started by exploring his genealogy when his grandmother told him about his family's journey to a new part of the world. Years later, he decided to volunteer with the City of Edmonton and became a member of the Edmonton Historical Board where he served on their Historic Resources Review Panel as well as the Plaques and Awards committee. He lives in Edmonton with his wife and young children, loves to travel and spend time with his family.

Kari Heise (Edmonton) is a music educator, performer, liturgical artist, and food enthusiast. She is passionate about social justice, civic involvement, art, music, food, and the environment. She received postsecondary degrees in both music and foods/nutrition as well as a diploma in interior decorating. Raised in southern Alberta, she has been living in the Edmonton area since 1986 and in Old Strathcona since 1997. She lives in a 1911 heritage home which she has completely restored.



Kari is a wife and mother of two teenage children. She has been a stay-at-home parent, in part due to self employment with music and interior decorating contracts. With her liturgical art, she was chosen to produce large scale displays for two National Conventions for Worship. Using her foods background, she has worked with various food programs at the Bissell Center, Grant MacEwan University, and Community Meals within Edmonton. Kari has been featured in the Edmonton Journal, CBC, and the Canada Lutheran for a food project. She undertook examining the Government Food Allowances for those on social assistance. She volunteers with various community and charitable organizations. Her board experience includes various organization committees and six years on the Alumni Board of Augustana University (two years as chair).



Dr. Shabnam Inanloo Dailoo (St. Albert) is an Associate Professor and Director of Athabasca University's Heritage Resources Management Program. She has more than 18 years of national and international experience in heritage conservation theory and practice. She teaches graduate courses in heritage resources management and serves as Co-Chair of the National Trust for Canada's National Roundtable on Heritage Education. She is a member of ICOMOS Canada

World Heritage Group as well as a member of the Virtual Museum of Canada Advisory Committee. She previously worked as a Heritage and Community Engagement Advisor and promoted the application of cultural landscape approach in cultural resource management projects. Dr. Inanloo Dailoo was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for the Update of Canada's Tentative List for World Heritage Sites. Her PhD dissertation examined World Heritage sites and investigated the challenges of recognition and conservation of cultural landscapes at local, national, and international levels. During her post-doctoral research with the Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage, she examined the application of the values-based approach in the management of places that are culturally significant. She continues to research, publish, and present on nature-culture relationships and the role of communities in heritage resources management.

Bill Kells (Fort Macleod) has extensive experience with both museum management and historic building restoration projects in both Alberta and British Columbia. He is currently employed as a Heritage Advisor with the Town of Fort Macleod. He has previous museum experience in Mission, B.C., St. Albert, Lethbridge and Pincher Creek. In 2015, he received his Certificate of Museum Studies from the Alberta Museums Association. He has served as project manager for the restoration of historic homes, train stations and memorial centres. Bill has always remained very active in the communities where he lived and worked in, and has sat on many museum and built heritage boards and committees throughout his adult life.



Jennifer Kirchner (Ponoka) is a Planner with the City of Lacombe and is responsible for administering the City's Heritage Management Program and running Lacombe's heritage social media. Her appreciation of local history began as a summer student for the Pelham Historical Society, located in her hometown of Pelham, Ontario. This summer job coincided with her studying human geography and history at Queen's University. She later earned her Master's degree in Rural Planning and Development in the University of Guelph. She is currently the President of the Lacombe & District Historical Society and enjoys celebrating Lacombe's history during community events. She has also become a passionate and dedicated volunteer at the Lacombe Blacksmith Shop.

Ruby Littlechild (Edmonton) is Plains Cree and originally from Maskwacis, Alberta. She has made Edmonton her permanent home over the past 10 years. Ruby is of Treaty 6 descent and comes from the bloodline of Wandering Spirit, one of Big Bears' revered spiritual warriors. Ruby's primary passion is promoting inclusion, equality, higher education, diversity, mentoring, healing from colonization for Indigenous people, and working towards the alleviation of systemic barriers, stigmas and stereotypes associated with Indigenous people.



She has completed a Master's degree in Education, and is currently working on her Master's degree in Business Administration. Ruby has previously worked for the Government of Alberta, the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta and is currently the Manager of the Alberta Aboriginal Construction Career Centre at NorQuest College. She has previously sat on Alberta's Child and Family Services Authority

Board for the Government of Alberta and is currently the National Student Director for the CANDO Board, a national Indigenous economic development board.

Ruby believes that collaboration, stakeholder engagement, reclaiming Indigenous identity, and the understanding of historical and cultural awareness are key factors in successful Indigenous community economic development. She advocates for Indigenous employment inclusion in not only the Alberta construction industry, but all industries that impact the economy.



Deni Lorieau (Edmonton) was born, raised and still living in Edmonton Alberta. His maternal great-great grand-parents Joseph and Marie Lamoureux were pioneers who settled in 1872 along the North Saskatchewan river across from what later became the first N.W.M.P. detachment in the region and later, the city of Fort Saskatchewan.

Deni graduated from the University of Alberta, Campus Saint Jean in 1973 with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. He later joined the federal public service at the Department of the Secretary of State. In 1987, he joined the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages and became the Commissioner's Representative for Western and Northern Canada until his retirement in 2017.

Deni is a strong advocate for volunteerism. During the early 1980s, he was the chair of the Board of Directors for the French newspaper Le Franco. He also participated as a member of the executive of the founding committee for the first publicly funded French school in Alberta established in 1984 (post Charter of Rights and Freedoms). He was an executive member for the Board of Directors for the Edmonton Heritage Festival from 1987 to 1998 and President of the festival from 1993-1996. Deni was also a member of the Senate for the University of Alberta from 1993 to 2002 and has been a member of the Dean's advisory council for Campus Saint Jean from 1993 to 2017.

He is interested in Alberta history, the fur trade, the history of Rupert's land and is always eager to share some of this knowledge with his three adult children - Jean-Paul, Justin and Natalie, four grand-children and the public.

Dr. Jan Olson (Edmonton) has worked in both the financial and marketing fields before entering the world of anthropology. Her Doctorate in Anthropology offered excellent training for teaching (at both MacEwan University and the University of Alberta), as well as collecting oral histories and stories. While she has traditionally worked in Mexico, Guatemala and Ecuador, she now focuses her attention on the history of the Mill Creek area of Edmonton. Jan grew up in Edmonton and is returning to her roots where she is raising a



family and working as an anthropologist. She is working on a book about the collective memory of people living in the 99th Street area. Jan comes from a long line of historians and is overjoyed that she can produce items of value for various clients.



Evert Poor (Sherwood Park) recently retired from Telus with 39 years of marketing, sales and operational experience in the telecommunications industry, including six years working across Canada for the Stentor Resource Group as a small business market planner and service developer. He also worked in the broadcasting industry after attending the Mount Royal College Radio and Television Arts program.

Evert is active in the community, having previously held positions as: a Telus Diversity Council member; Telus Aboriginal Resource Group member; President of the One Parent Families Association; President of the Lloydminster Day Care Society, and; President of the Mall Merchant Association.

Currently, he serves as: the 2nd Vice-President of Aksis, an Aboriginal business and professional association; board member of the Edmonton Business Diversity Network; board member of the Strathcona Archaeology Society, and; council member of the Telus Community Ambassadors. For over 15 years, Evert has shared his family's First Nations and fur trade history as a volunteer historical interpreter at Fort Edmonton Park.

He is a band member of the Tootinaowaziibeeng First Nation of the Saulteaux people (or Plains Ojibway) of southern Manitoba. Evert and his wife Gisele live in Sherwood Park where they raised their five children.