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## 7th AWG Panel Discussion

**THEME:** “Indigenous Knowledge from a Nuu-Chah-nulth Perspective.”

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. E. Richard Atleo

**When:** Friday, March 27, 2015 @ 11:00 AM.

**Where:** Peace and Conflict Studies, St Paul’s College (Rm 249).

*Note: Refreshment will be served after presentation.*

### About Dr. E. Richard Atleo



Dr. E. Richard Atleo, also known as Umeek, helped to create the First Nations Studies Department at Malaspina University College (now Vancouver Island University) where he taught from 1994 to 2004. He is currently Research Liaison at the University of Manitoba, Associate Adjunct Professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, a Board Member of the Centre for Environmental Resources, and Champion to the Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association of British Columbia. In addition to serving on the Equity Committee of the Canadian Association of University Teachers since its inception, he has also been Co-Chair of the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound and a member of the board of Ecotrust Canada. He began his life in the house of his great grandfather Keesta, a whaling chief among the Nuu-chah-nulth people. He has been an assistant superintendent of education, a lecturer and Research Associate in Anthropology at UBC, a visiting assistant professor of resource and environmental management at Simon Fraser University and Professor and sometime Chair of First Nations Studies at what is now Vancouver Island University. From 1986 to 1989 and again from 1992 to 1993 he conducted a province-wide research into First Nations K-12 education in British Columbia that was meant to respond to the Hawthorn Report of 1966-67. He has lectured overseas at Nicolas Copernicus University and the University of Silesia in Poland as well as in Germany at Greifswald University, Luneberg University, and Urania, a Scientific Society founded in Berlin in 1888. He has

participated in cervical cancer research with the Vancouver Cancer Agency as well as been involved with Contemporary and Traditional Medicine with a focus upon HIV Aids in Ghana, Africa. In *Tsawalk: A Nuu-chah-nulth Worldview* (UBC Press, 2004), he introduces an ontology drawn from Nuu-chah-nulth origin stories that makes meaning of indigenous culture. His latest publication, released November, 2011, entitled "Principles of Tsawalk: An Indigenous Approach to Global Crisis" elaborates on some pragmatic applications to the meaning of the first book. A third book is in press entitled Theory of ʔuuštaqyu completes the Tsawalk trilogy.

Dr. Atleo will be speaking on Indigenous knowledge from a Nuu-chah-nulth perspective during the 7th AWG panel. The presentation will likely be wide-ranging and move across disciplines because Indigenous Knowledge remains in an emergent and early phase of scholarship.

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