



ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION Board of Directors

Dr. Laurel Halladay (Chair) is an Individualized Study Tutor for several courses on Canadian history, and Women and Gender Studies at the Athabasca University. She holds a PhD in Canadian History and two Master's degrees (Canadian Studies and History). Currently residing in Calgary, her research interests include the history of the Crowsnest Pass, Canadian military history, Canadian women on the frontier, western Canadian film history and the process of bringing heritage to the general public. For over a decade, she has also worked as a contract researcher, indexer and multimedia review editor for the *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*.



Aimee Benoit (Vice-Chair) is a heritage consultant and advocate based in Lethbridge. Some of her recent projects include curating museum exhibitions, researching and writing documentary film scripts, and evaluating historic buildings and cultural landscapes. She is also an Individualized Study Tutor for Athabasca University's Heritage Resource Management program, teaching two courses (Heritage Collections, General Principles of Planning Historic Places).

Ms. Benoit has a passion for learning and has focused her studies on heritage and people's relationship with place. She has received: a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Lethbridge; a Master of Cultural Heritage from Deakin University; a Professional Specialization Certificate in Heritage Conservation Planning from the University of Victoria, and; a Master of Arts in Geography from the University of Lethbridge. She is currently working toward a PhD in Cultural, Social and Political Thought at the University of Lethbridge.

Outside of work and school, Ms. Benoit volunteers with the Lethbridge Historical Society's book committee, Glenbow Museum's Acquisitions Committee, and her children's school. She spends her free time growing vegetables, reading, learning to play the banjo, and exploring coulees with her three young boys.



Michael Dougherty is the curator of the Carstairs Heritage Centre. Prior to his current work in the museum sector, he was a heritage consultant working throughout southern Alberta. Mr. Dougherty 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 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.



Dr. Shabnam Inanloo Dailoo is an assistant professor and director of the Heritage Resources Management Program at Athabasca University. She has more than 15 years of national and international experience in heritage resources management theory and. Her research interests include heritage conservation theory, cultural landscapes, Aboriginal cultural places, values-based management, community engagement, and intangible cultural heritage. Her

dissertation deals with the challenges of the conservation of World Heritage Cultural Landscapes, including an Aboriginal cultural place in Alberta (Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump) and a sacred Zoroastrian fire temple in Iran (Takht-e-Soleyman). During her post-doctoral research with the Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage, she examined the application of a values-based approach in the management of places that are culturally significant.

Dr. Inanloo Dailoo has been involved in projects related to diverse heritage resources like buildings, archaeological sites, gardens, cultural landscapes and sacred places. She has developed conservation, interpretation and presentation plans for historic places, and has published and presented on emerging concepts and new approaches in heritage field.

Bill Kells 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. Mr. Kells 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 is a Planner with the City of Lacombe and is responsible for administering the city's Heritage Management Program and running the Lacombe 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 at the University of Guelph. She is currently the President of the Lacombe & District Historical Society and represents the society on the Lacombe Regional Tourism Board where she serves as Secretary-Treasurer. She has also become a passionate and dedicated volunteer at the Lacombe Blacksmith Shop.





Ruby Littlechild 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.



Leah Millar has a degree in Law and Society. Her professional background includes the development and review of policies, legislation and contracts. She has a passion for history and culture and believes they have immeasurable value to society. This prompts her interest in helping people experience Alberta's heritage in meaningful ways in everyday life.



Dr. Jan Olson 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. Jan 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 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.

Mr. Poor 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, Mr. Poor 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.