

## Panel, Cultural Diversity 2.0



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Maxine, a member of the Ma'amtigila and Kwakiutl First Nations, grew up in Tseil-Waututh Territory where her social activism started early and led her to the practice of midwifery (long before it was legal in BC).

A former lawyer, chief negotiator for the Kwakiutl First Nation, instructor at Vancouver Island University (First Nations Studies and Women's Studies), and Director of the Academic and Cultural Support Program at UVIC Faculty of Law, Maxine's research interests are Indigenous Law and Indigenous Pedagogy.

She lives in Komox/Pentlatch Territory on a northern Gulf island where she practices "re-creation" through making art, dancing, and growing potatoes. She is the project lead for the RELAW Project (Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water) at West Coast Environmental Law.

## Lindsay Keegitah Borrows

Lindsay (*Chippewas of Nawash First Nation*) is a lawyer and researcher at the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law. She supports Indigenous communities to revitalize their traditional laws for application in a contemporary context. She has worked with many legal traditions including Anishinaabe, Haízaqv, Māori, Mi'kmaq, nuučaanuł, St'át'imc, Denezhu, and Tsilhqot'in.

She has also worked as a lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, as a legal support team member for the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and a researcher for the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court in Arizona. She recently published a book of creative non-fiction entitled, "Otter's Journey through Indigenous Language and Law" (UBC Press, 2018).

Lindsay spends time each autumn in her home territory co-facilitating land-based Anishinaabe law camps for law students and legal professionals in Ontario. She is a new mother, and a long-time lover of the outdoors.