



Senator Murray Sinclair to receive CPA Humanitarian Award

Ottawa (June 7, 2016) – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is pleased to announce that Senator Murray Sinclair has won this year's CPA Humanitarian Award for his work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

This award is presented to outstanding Canadian individuals or organizations whose commitment and persistent endeavours have significantly and selflessly enhanced the psychological health and well-being of Canadians at a local, provincial, or national level.

Senator Sinclair was called to the Manitoba Bar in 1980, was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba in 1988, and was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba in 2001. He was Manitoba's first Aboriginal Judge, and over the course of his legal career, he became known for his knowledge of Aboriginal legal issues.

In 2009, Senator Sinclair became chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which was created to uncover what happened in Canada's residential schools and to inform Canadians of the truth about the treatment of the more than 150,000 Aboriginal children who were forcibly taken from their homes and enrolled in these schools, dating as far back as the 1870s through to 1996. Under Senator Sinclair's leadership, the Commission created a safe place for residential school survivors and members of the religious community alike to share their stories, which formed the basis of the Commission's 2015 report.

Though he is unable to attend in person, Senator Sinclair will be honoured at the CPA's 2016 National Convention, taking place at the Fairmont Empress and the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, B.C. from June 9-11, 2016. The convention will be attended by nearly 1,200 researchers, practitioners, students, and policy makers from across the country and will feature presentations on a wide array of psychological topics.

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About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice, and education of psychology in Canada. With over 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. For more information, visit www.cpa.ca.

Media at the Convention

Media are highly encouraged to attend. Registered press will have complimentary access to the convention. Badges are required of all convention participants for entry into sessions and must be worn at all times. For more information, please contact the CPA's communications coordinator.

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