

**Athabaskan Languages Conference**  
Whitehorse, Yukon June 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Hosted by the Council for Yukon First Nations

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Special Workshop on Narratives**

High Country Inn

- 8:00 a.m. Prayers: Southern Tutchone, Tagish, and Tlingit Elders
- Welcomes: Council for Yukon First Nations, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Kluane First Nation, Government of Yukon
- 8:30 a.m. Chris Cox (University of Alberta)  
Structuring Stories: Personal and Traditional Narrative Styles in Tsuut'ina
- 9:00 a.m. Leslie Saxon (University of Victoria)  
Petitot's "Klinchange Kotie" and the Expression of Subjectivity
- 9:30 a.m. James Crippen (University of British Columbia)  
A Southern Tlingit Geohistorical Narrative
- 10:00 a.m. Nora and Richard Dauenhauer (University of Alaska Southeast)  
Tense, Aspect, and the Organization of Tlingit Oral Narrative
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Andrea Wilhelm (University of Alberta and University of Victoria)  
and Shirley Cardinal (Cold Lake First Nation)  
A Close Reading of a Dene Sų́liné Narrative
- 11:15 a.m. Olga Lovick (First Nations University)  
Identification of Narrative Genres in Upper Tanana Athabaskan
- 11:45 a.m. Siri Tuttle (University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Native Language  
Center)  
Prosody of Lower Tanana Advice and Memoir Texts
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Patrick Moore (University of British Columbia)  
Indigenous Narrators Engagements with Scholarly Discourses and Media
- 2:00 p.m. Julie Cruikshank (University of British Columbia)  
Oral Narratives and Aboriginal Perspectivism

- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Elders Stories and Descriptions of Their Work with Scholars  
Documenting Languages and Narrative Traditions  
(Yukon First Nations Elders)
- 4:00 p.m. Four Simultaneous Break-out Sessions:
1. Community Collaboration  
(Facilitator, Julie Cruikshank, University of British Columbia)
  2. Digital Technologies for Documentation and Dissemination  
(Facilitator, Siri Tuttle, University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Native Language Center)
  3. Archiving Digital Records  
(Facilitator, Gary Holton, University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Native Language Center)
  4. Narrative Analysis  
(Facilitator, Olga Lovick, First Nations University)
- 5:00 Dinner Break
- 7:00 Keynote Address  
“Listening for Different Stories”: Oral Histories in the Yukon and Siberia  
Julie Cruikshank, University of British Columbia

**Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
High Country Inn

- 8:20 a.m. Prayer
- 8:30 a.m. Leda Jules (Liard First Nation) and Daniel Dick (Liard First Nation)  
How Kaska Dene Give Children Their Names
- 9:00 a.m. Duane Gastant’ Aucoin (Teslin Tlingit Council)  
Gagaan Kóok
- 9:30 a.m. Cindy Allen (Weledeh/Yellowknives Dene/ Tlįchų)  
Yamozha and His Beaver Wife: A Dene Love Story Translated Using  
Dene Laws

- 10:00 a.m. Chad Thompson (Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne),  
Chris Cox and Sally Rice (University of Alberta)  
Structuring Events and Negotiating Attention in Stories from Three  
Northern Dene Languages
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Ramon Escamilla (University of California, Berkeley)  
Notes on Hupa Narrative
- 11:15 a.m. Sharon Hargus (University of Washington)  
Insubordination in Deg Xinag
- 11: 45 a.m. Nicholas Welch (University of Calgary)  
Tlįcho Yatii Copulas: Merge Structure and the S-/I-level Distinction
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Matthew Richards (University of Victoria)  
Traversing the Template: Exploring Athabaskan Verb Forms
- 2:00 p.m. Allan Hayton (University of Alaska Fairbanks)  
Digital Storytelling in an Indigenous Language Classroom
- 2:30 p.m. break
- 2:45 p.m. Hishinlai' (University of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Native Language  
Centre)  
Some Considerations of Indigenous Language Learning
- 3:15 p.m. Bruce Starlight and Emil Starlight (Tsuu T'ina First Nation and Tsuut'ina  
Gunaha Institute)  
Teaching Dene Languages through Stories and Animated Shorts for Non-  
Speakers: A Community Effort
- 3:45 p.m. break
- 4:00 p.m. Gary Holton, James Kari, and Robert Charlie (University of Alaska  
Fairbanks and Alaska Native Language Center)  
Preserving Geo-Linguistic Data for Alaska Native Languages
- 4:30 p.m. Daria Boltokova (University of British Columbia)  
Language Ideologies of Dene Tha Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet Barbecue at Caribou Crossing, Carcross, Yukon

**Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

High Country Inn

75:0 a.m. Prayer

8:30 a.m. Barbra Meek (University of Michigan)  
Language Revitalization and the Challenge of Disjunctures

9:00 a.m. Keith June (Navajo Nation)  
Fostering Language Revitalization with Technology

**Special Workshop on Language Revitalization with Chief Atahm School Staff**

9:30 a.m. Lawrence Michel (Chief Atahm School)  
Welcome

9:45 a.m. Robert Matthew (Chief Atahm School)  
Chief Atahm School Staff Introductions  
Brief History of Chief Atahm School

10:15 Break

10:30 Kathy Michel (Chief Atahm School)  
Community Language Development

11:15 Janice Billy (Chief Atahm School)  
Total Physical Response: Teaching Language

11:45 Robert Matthew (Chief Atahm School)  
Summary

Noon Lunch

1:00 Lawrence Michel and Robert Matthew (Chief Atahm School)  
You Can Even Teach Carpentry in Your Language

1:30 Janice Billy and Kathy Michel (Chief Atahm School)  
Curriculum Development Activity

2:30 Robert Matthew (Chief Atahm School)  
Questions and Concluding Remarks

3:00 Closing Prayer