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Presents

Dr. Sue Chiblow and Dr. Deborah McGregor

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Location: UNU-INWEH office, Suite 204
175 Longwood South
Hamilton, ON

Free and Open to Public

“Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge & Source Water Protection: First Nations Views on Taking Care of Water”

The speakers in this session will provide an overview of a three year partnership between Environment Canada and the Chiefs of Ontario that examined Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) in the context of source water protection to promote and foster a balance between technical & scientific multi-barrier approaches with culturally-relevant processes that are defined by Aboriginal teachings, values, and cultural traditions.

About the speakers:

Sue has worked extensively with First Nation communities for the last fifteen years in environmental related fields and has a Bachelors of Science degree with her major focusing on biology and a Masters degree in Environment and Management. Sue has worked with the Chiefs of Ontario as the Environmental Coordinator planning, coordinating, implementing and facilitating the activities of the Environment Unit. Her work includes providing environmental information to Ontario's First Nation leaders and their communities such source water protection and on species at risk. Sue also has been nominated by the Assembly of First Nations to be a member of the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Subcommittee for COSEWIC.

Deborah is an Anishnabe from Wiigwaskingaa (Whitefish River First Nation, Birch Island, Ontario) and holds a B.Sc. in Psychology from the University of Toronto, a Master of Environmental Studies from York University and a Ph.D from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry. Deborah is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, cross appointed in Geography and Aboriginal Studies and has over seventeen years of experience as educator and trainer at both the university and community levels.

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