



Members of the 2021 Board of the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke (IHCT) (revised)

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Daniel Caramori
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Biographies

Daniel Caramori



Daniel Campos Caramori is a Canadian-Brazilian political scientist and business administrator, with over 10 years of combined experience in public policy, international development and NGO management in 7 countries.

Daniel met Pascale Annoual, Carrie Martin and Sean Yaphe while developing an assessment of policies aimed at increasing accessibility to health care for urban Indigenous peoples living in the Greater Montreal area. The study was developed in consultation with leaders of Indigenous

organizations in Montreal; the former ministers of health and native affairs of Quebec; the conciliation officers of the city of Montreal; and public health authorities across Canada. He works as a business development and government relations advisor at the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, where he develops projects that link the education and labor sectors in Quebec in order to increase the motivation of students, improve graduation rates and better prepare the workforce of tomorrow. In partnership with schools, higher education institutions and the provincial government, the projects developed by Daniel aim to expand mentoring programs for young people and encourage the discovery of the trades and skills of the future.

Previously, Daniel worked as a consultant and researcher, collaborating with politicians, government officials and members of civil society in the areas of international trade, urban policy, indigenous health, public education and international development. Daniel also oversaw the recruitment of +4,000 young people for projects related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Daniel holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Montreal and a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of São Paulo.

Maya Cousineau Mollen



Maya Cousineau Mollen, from the Innu-Montagnaise nation, was adopted in a traditional way by Quebec parents on the decision of her Innu mother. Encouraged by her parents, she began to write poetry at the age of 14. This medium has followed her throughout her existence. She is modestly published in anthologies, literary journals and also author of a short story in the collection Amun under the direction of Michel Jean. In September 2019, she published her very

first collection of poetry with the house of Éditions Hannenorak entitled: Bréviaire du Matricule 082.

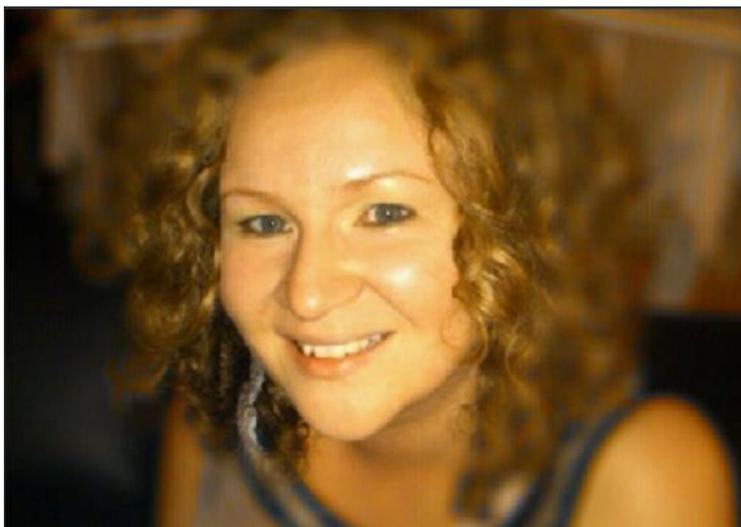
She has 23 years of experience in the First Nations world. Founder of the Aboriginal student association at Laval University and also co-founder of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Council, which has since become the current First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Youth Network. She strongly believes in the potential of young people whose energy and willpower deserve to be encouraged.

Now Community Development Advisor for the firm EVOQ Architecture, Maya continues there her work with communities. She acts as an ambassador for this team which has served the Inuit and First Nations for over 35 years. For the EVOQ team, the word "decolonization" is not a scary word, but a beautiful challenge. In carrying out the various projects, EVOQ encourages Inuit and First Nations communities to reclaim their cultural and historical imprint and thus to express it through the poetry of architecture.

Since 2017, Maya has been involved with Quebec Native Projects whose mission is to offer accommodation and social integration services adapted to the cultures of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis who live in precarious situations. or are in transition. The organization wishes to promote rapprochement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organizations in order to provide the target clientele with a diversity and consistency of services that suit them. The organization tries to play an active and positive role with Indigenous Peoples by promoting intercultural rapprochement with Quebec society.

Maya was also co-chair of the Urban Strategy Network of the Montreal Aboriginal community and was involved with the Wolfpack Street Patrol. She was also involved in the Kanata controversy early on (letter published in Le Devoir, meeting with Mr. Lepage and Ms. Mnouchkine). It was on this occasion that she met Ariane Mnouchkine who signed the preface to her collection of poetry "Breviary of the Matricule 082" and sealed the emerging links of this "improbable friendship". She returned to Paris in 2019 to spend a month there at the invitation of the famous director for a writing residency.

Carrie Martin, Ph.D. Fellow



Carrie Martin is a Mi'gmaq woman from Listuguj, who has spent the past 20 years working in the field of Indigenous women's health, with a particular focus on HIV. She completed a B.A. in Applied Human Relations and a Graduate Diploma in Community Economic Development at Concordia University, and her B.S.W. at McGill University. Carrie's leadership is well established; she was the Harm Reduction Coordinator at the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal for 12 years (until March 2018), and a tireless advocate for Indigenous women living with HIV. She was also a civil society member of the Government of Canada's Delegation (CANDEL) at the 2016 United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on Ending AIDS (HLM) and is an active member of the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network's Community Advisory Committee for a number of years.

In 2012 she became a founding member of the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke and was the first President of their Board of Directors. In March 2018, she transitioned to the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network as the Indigenous Women's Research Coordinator. She has also started her PhD at Concordia University to formalize her role as an Indigenous academic researcher and is the recipient of Concordia's Indigenous Graduate Scholarship and the Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Fellowship, as well as the National CHIWOS Scholar Award. Engaging with many other Indigenous and allied researchers, she builds well-needed capacity in the Indigenous community for grant and research development. Carrie is the proud mother of a 2-year old boy.

Dr. Sean Yaphe



Sean Yaphe was born and raised in Montreal. As a family medicine physician, he has a goal of decreasing barriers to access to health services and of improving health outcomes. He completed a BSc in Biochemistry from McGill University, a Master of Public Health from Université de Montréal – which is where he was introduced to and developed a passion for serving the Indigenous community living in Montreal – and an MD from St. George's University School of Medicine. He is currently completing his residency in Family Medicine at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Sean has always been interested in working with vulnerable populations. His research interests have focused on HIV and Hepatitis C virus infection.

While at Université de Montréal, he met Carrie Martin and Pascale Annoual while learning more about mental health services for Indigenous People living in Montreal. Since 2012, he has been part of several committees as a strong ally for the Indigenous community. He began as the coordinator for the health working group of the Montreal Indigenous Community NETWORK and continued on to become co-founder of the Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtià:ke. Even though Sean is currently living abroad, he continues to be a strong advocate for the rights of Indigenous People and the importance of culturally safe, holistic care.