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Banquet tickets are still available for purchase:

External keynote speaker, Dr. Sarah Nickel presenting: *Coming Home: Creating Halfway Houses for Indigenous Women in Canada's West*



TRU's 18th PHP Undergraduate Conference

Featuring Keynote Speakers: Dr. Rick McCutcheon [Thompson Rivers University] & Dr. Sarah Nickel [University of Alberta]

Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the ancestral lands of the Tk'emplúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwepemcúlecw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. The region TRU serves also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, T̓silhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.



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Schedule**

**Friday Feb 6th,
2026**

**Day 1 Panel
Schedule**

9:30 Welcoming Ceremony - International Building (IB) RM: 1020

10:45 - 12:00 Food Culture

IB
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- Teagan Leslie (TRU) ... Competitive Eating
- Kate McCullagh (TRU) ... *The History of Ice Cream in America*
- Keenan Carey (TRU) ... *Full Stomachs and Empty Veins: The Rise and Fall of Pellagra in the USA*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - International Building RM: 1020

1:15 - 2:30 Spectacular / Spectacle Bodies

IB
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- Teagan Leslie (TRU) ... *Athletic Currency*
- Elena Smoluk (TRU) ... *A World on Display: Empire, Vision, and Racial Hierarchy of the Ethnographic Exhibition*
- Eden Stewart (TRU) ... *Satiated by Sensation: The Postmortem Fight to Achieve Humanity*

3:30 - 4:45 Theoretical Interventions

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- Jayde Richter (TRU) ... *Woman in the Fur Coat*
- Vesper Parkinson (TRU) ... *Was Locke Right on the Molyneux Question?*
- Nathan Perez (UofA) ... *Commodifying Dissent*

5:30 - 7:00 Keynote: Rick McCutcheon

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When the Elephant Rolls Over: Quiet Violence, Public Responsibility, and Canada's Universities

**Saturday Feb 7th,
2026**

**Day 2 Panel
Schedule**

8:30 - 9:30 Breakfast - International Building Lobby

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9:40 - 11:00 Reproductive Rights and Histories

- Zoe Dimopoulos (TRU) ... *Mistresses of Their Own Bodies?: ...*
- Kierstin Earle (TRU) ... *Neutrality to Morality: Shifting Ideologies of Abortions in Canada in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*
- Simarpreet Sandhu (UBCO) ... *Between Touch and Text: Gendered Expertise and the Making of Reproductive Authority*

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11:15 - 12:30 Discrimination on the Basis of Embodied Difference

- Vesper Parkinson (TRU) ... *The Economic, Political, and Ethical Costs of Exclusion: ...*
- Makena Stratton (TRU) ... *The Invisible Woman: ...*
- Matteo Fattor ... *The Socioeconomic Effects of Homelessness in Kamloops: ...*
- Radhika M. Tabrez (TRU) ... *The Great Replacement Theory in UK Politics: ...*

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch - International Building Lobby

IB
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1:30 - 2:45 Religion, Spirituality, and Conviction

- Cheyenne Franks (TRU) ... *Rebel With A Holy Cause: ...*
- Meghan Rezewski (UofA) ... *Hail Mary, Full of Policy; ...*
- Beth Milburn (TRU) ... *Vouching for Virtue's Vitality and for Values to be Vowed: ...*

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3:00 - 4:15 Indigenous History of Colonial Governance

- Noah Redgrove (TRU) ... *Modernity and the Canadian Residential School System: (...)*
- Catherine Alexander (TRU) ... *Eugenics in Western Canadian Indigenous Communities*
- Briana Taylor (TRU) ... *The Chilcotin War: The Victimization of the Tsilhqot'in People in British Columbia*