

## 2014 NPF Convention Guest Speakers

### **Sheelah McLean-Idle No More**

Sheelah McLean is one of four founders of Idle No More, one of the largest Indigenous mass movements in Canadian history. Along with the other founding members, she was listed in the 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2013. The movement has pushed beyond the boundaries of our own countries, with demonstrations sparking up all over the globe including in Australia, the United States, and across Europe. Sheelah is a teacher and activist, currently living in Saskatchewan.

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### **Lynne Fernandez-Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives**

Lynne Fernandez is the Errol Black Chair in Labour Issues with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives in Manitoba. She holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Manitoba. Her interests lie in economic history, community economic development, government policy, as well as labour and environmental issues.

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### **Celia Sankar-Diversity Canada**

Celia Sankar is the founder of Diversity Canada. She has a Master's Degree in International Journalism from City University of London, England, and has worked with BBC Radio, The Times and The Sunday Times of London, England, The Globe and Mail, The Vancouver Sun, The Victoria Times-Colonist and more. Diversity Canada strives to create, facilitate and promote opportunities for multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, differently-abled and diverse groups and individuals to participate in the economic, social, and cultural life of Canada and elsewhere.

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### **Adrienne Silnicki-Canadian Health Coalition**

Adrienne Silnicki is the Coordinator of the Canadian Health Coalition. Adrienne is a writer for rabble.ca and Canadian Perspectives, and is passionate about sustaining the conversation on health care issues in Canada in order to bring about change.

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**Irene Mathysen-NDP**

Irene Mathysen has served as Member of Parliament for the riding of London-Fanshawe in Ontario since 2006. She was named the Official Opposition Critic for Seniors Issues, served as the Critic for the Status of Women, chair of the NDP's women's caucus and as the vice-chair of the Status of Women committee.

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**Garry Neil-Council of Canadians**

Garry Neil is Executive Director of the Council of Canadians, Canada's largest social justice organization. Garry is also the Executive Director of the Canadian Senior Artists' Resource Network. He has written extensively about the negative impacts of economic globalization on world cultures.