

Program Chair Report  
January 20 and 21, 2023  
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## Work Completed


### Thursday Morning Keynotes:

1. Tom Jackson: Actor, Musician, Activist:  
*Love is a Palace*  
<https://tomjackson.ca/>
2. Jessica Holmes: Celebrated Comedian (Royal Canadian Air Farce), Author, Mental Health Advocate:  
*The 60-Minute Perspective Makeover: Proven Tips to Living an Awesome Life*  
<https://www.jessicaholmes.com/>
3. Dr. Lisa Bélanger: Behavioural Change Expert | Researcher:  
*The Science of Daily Resilience: Practical Skills for Mental Strength and Agility*  
<https://www.drlisabelanger.com/>
4. Dr. Nancy Goyette:  
*Le bien-être en enseignement, une voie incontournable pour s'épanouir au travail!*

### Thursday Afternoon Keynote, hosted by Morgex:

1. Shari Graydon: Award-winning author, speaker and advocate:  
*Amplifying Equality*  
<https://www.sharigraydon.com/>

### Hilights:

1. Mini-Conference all day Thursday, off-site:
  - a. Civix Canada: Democracy Bootcamp
2. Mini-Conference all day Friday, off-site:
  - a. Walter Whitebear and others: Indigenous Perspectives Workshop, Includes Sweat Lodge experience
3. Several off-site sessions including:
  - a. Curling
  - b. Fly-Fishing
  - c. programs in a variety of outdoor areas including Nose Hill Park and Fish Creek Park
  - d. Cooking
  - e. Several sessions at the Calgary Zoo
  - f. Farm School
4. Several sessions hosted by speakers from our Francophone partner,  

5. Garfield Gini-Newman
6. UofC Poster Board presentations

Cancellation Notification: Jeremy Dias and Martin Boyce had to cancel.

**Meetings:** Attended meetings on the morning of Jan 20 to go over rooms and details with the Hyatt and Convention Centre

### **Work in Progress:**

#### **-Important Information Regarding Pre-Registration:**

Pre-registration is now open until Feb. 13. If you have pre-registered, this does not mean you are in the session. You may be on the waiting list, which is kept in case people cancel, so the sessions can remain full. Please carefully check your email when your request has been approved, to see if you are indeed in the session, or on the wait-list.

-ATA sessions and Workshop are being put in as we get them.

-Sched.org will house our program in Mobile App.

-Waiting to hear if Francophone keynote is also able to offer a couple of sessions.

-Follow Program highlights and other information on

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### **New Business:**

-Searching for French-speaking person to introduce the Francophone keynote, Nancy Goyette

This program would not have happened if it weren't for Bertha. I am so grateful. Thank-you.

In addition to Bertha, this program person had a lot of help from Paulette and Larry. Thank-you.

The Francophone part of the program wouldn't have been as good if it weren't for Andre who helped us get our keynote! Thank-you. Je ne parle pas français.