



26th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

April 29 - May 1, 2022

Downtown Calgary Marriott
Calgary, Alberta
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Friday, April 29

Time	Event	Speakers
3:00 – 4:00PM	Board of Directors Meeting Chaired by Candice Malcolm	
6:00PM	Conference Registration Opens	
6:00 – 8:00PM	Cocktail Reception	
6:45PM	Opening Remarks by President Introduction of new members	Civitas President; Founder and Editor-in-Chief of True North
7:00 – 8:00PM	Debate <i>Be it resolved: Canada has failed</i>	For: JJ McCullough - "The confederation project has failed. Canada needs some introspection and to come up with a new purpose" Against: Ben Woodfinden - "Canada's foundation and institutions are strong. We need to revisit our founding principles, not throw them out and start again" Moderated by Bill Robson

Saturday, April 30

Time	Event	Speakers
8:00 – 9:00AM	Books for Breakfast	Jamil Jivani - <i>Why Young Men: Rage, Race and the Crisis of Identity</i> Dr. Harley Sims - <i>The Freedom Convoy: How a Group of Canadian Truckers Changed the World</i> Lindsay Shepherd - <i>Diversity and Exclusion: Confronting the Campus Free Speech Crisis</i> Dr. Ian Gentles - <i>The New Model Army: Agent of Revolution</i>
		Dr. Linda Blade - <i>Unsporting: How Trans Activism and Science Denial are Destroying Sport</i>
		Dr. Brian Lee Crowley - <i>Gardeners vs. Designers: Understanding the Great Fault Line in Canadian Politics</i>

Saturday, April 30

Time	Event	Speakers
9:00 – 10:00AM	Panel #1: How Canada Collapsed: The Abject Failure of our Institutions in the Covid Era *New format for panels - Host gives 5 minute intro, each panelist gives 5-10 minute opening pitch, panel discusses for 20 minutes, 15-20 minutes of Q&A	Host: Danielle Smith John Carpay: <i>Fight For Your Freedoms or You Will Never Get Them Back</i> Dr. Matt Strauss: <i>Canada's Healthcare Culture Sets Us up for Failure</i> Dr. Shawn Whatley: <i>Now is the Time to Fundamentally Fix Our Healthcare System</i>
10:00 – 10:15AM	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:00AM	Civitas Talk #1 Why is Canada so Expensive? *New format for Civitas Talks - Presenter gives a 10 minute TED Talk-style presentation, tables deliberate for 10 minutes, then each table presents their response to the room	Host: Gregory Thomas Matthew Lau: <i>Government is the Problem</i> Chris Spoke: <i>NIMBYism, Properly Understood, is our Greatest Political Problem</i>
11:00 – 12:00PM	Panel #2: Gender, Biology and the Woke Revolution	Host: Dr. Roy Eappen Barbara Kay: <i>Marx, Misandry, Marriage, Misogyny: My 20 years in the gender wars</i> Dr. Linda Blade: <i>Looming Fracas: Ideology Meets Reality in the Arena</i> Shelley Crowley: <i>The Abolition of Women: We Will Not Go Quietly</i>
12:00 – 1:30PM	Lunch	
12:30 – 1:30PM	Lunch Keynote Closing Lunchtime Remarks	Dr. Irvin Studin: <i>When Canada Becomes the Centre of the 21st Century World.</i> (Introduction by Candice Malcolm) Michael Binnion: <i>Oil and Gas Can Lead the Way to Northern Prosperity</i>
1:30 – 1:45PM	Coffee Break	

Saturday, April 30

Time	Event	Speakers
1:45 – 2:15PM	Civitas Talk #2 Can conservatism and Conservatism co-exist?	Dr. Brian Lee Crowley (Introduction by Brianna Morris)
2:15 – 3:30PM	Panel #3: Indian Residential Schools and the Issue of "Unmarked Graves"	Host: Dr. Tom Flanagan Dr. Rod Clifton: <i>My Life in Two Indian Residential Schools</i> Dr. Hymie Rubenstein: <i>Were 150,000 Indigenous Children "Forced to Attend" an Indian Residential School?</i> Dr. Frances Widdowson: <i>How Dangerous is it for Professors to Discuss Those Unmarked Graves?</i>
3:30 – 4:00PM	Civitas Talk #3 What it's Like to be Cancelled - Life After Cancel Culture	Caylan Ford (Introduction by Lindsay Shepherd)
4:00 – 4:10PM	Video presentation	Dr. William Gairdner: <i>The Four Stages of Liberalism</i>
4:10 – 6:00PM	Break	
6:00 – 6:30PM	Cocktail Reception	
6:30 – 8:00PM	Dinner and Evening Programme featuring Master of Ceremonies W. Brett Wilson	Roundtable Discussion on the State of the Media Host: Rachel Curran Jamil Jivani: <i>Talk Radio and Marginalized Voices</i> Candice Malcolm: <i>The Media, Culture and Bailouts</i> Rupa Subramanya: <i>The Freedom Convoy</i> Andrew Lawton: <i>Trudeau's Censorship Laws</i> Derek Fildebrandt: <i>Media Consolidation</i>
8:00 – 9:00PM	Robson Family Musical As per Civitas tradition, please join the Robson Family for a post-dinner sing-a-long of all your favourite tunes!	

Sunday, May 1

Time	Event	Speakers
7:15 – 8:00AM	Civitas AGM Chaired by Candice Malcolm	
8:00 – 9:00AM	Philosophy for Breakfast *Note: Much like our popular Books for Breakfast panel, each speaker gives a brief speech as to why you should read this philosopher, what he or she teaches, and why it's relevant today	Host: Dr. Harley Sims Dr. Miles Smit: <i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i> Dr. David Livingstone: <i>Plato</i> MP Garnett Genuis: <i>Pope John Paul II</i>
9:00 – 10:00AM	Panel #4: Democratic Decay	Host: Andrew Lawton Dr. Ian Brodie: <i>How our Fundamental Institutions Failed Us, and How to Fix It</i> Dr. Mark Milke: <i>Memo to the Right, Stop Acting Like Leftists</i> Rupa Subramanya: <i>The Frustrating Lack of Accountability in our System</i>
10:00 – 10:15AM	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:15AM	Panel #5: How to make Canada the Most Pro-Family Country in the World	Host: Kaz Nejatian Hamish Marshall: <i>Incentives Matter, Let's Incentivize Families</i> Ginny Roth: <i>Being Pro-Family and Pro-Children are Key</i> Dr. Rahim Mohamed: <i>Why We Need to Talk About Birth Rates</i>
11:15 – 11:45AM	Civitas Talk #5 Reasons to Embrace Populism to Get Canada Back on Track	Preston Manning (Introduction by Aaron Gunn)
11:45AM	Farewell and Thank you	Candice Malcolm
12:00PM	Civitas Conference Adjourned	

Speaker Biographies

Candice Malcolm: Civitas President; Founder and Editor-in-Chief of True North

Bill Robson: President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute

JJ McCullough: Canadian Youtuber and Global Opinions Contributing Columnist at the Washington Post

Ben Woodfinden: PhD candidate at McGill University, Contributor for the National Post and the Hub, Editor of 'The Dominion'

Jamil Jivani: Senior Fellow for Diversity and Empowerment at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Dr. Harley Sims: True North Senior Editor

Lindsay Shepherd: True North Journalism Fellow and Civitas Administrator

Dr. Ian Gentles: Professor of History and Global Studies at Tyndale University

Dr. Linda Blade: PhD Kinesiology, Sport Performance Coach, President of Athletics Alberta

Dr. Brian Lee Crowley: Managing Director of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Danielle Smith: Former Leader of Alberta's Official Opposition

John Carpay: Founder and President of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

Dr. Matt Strauss: Medical Officer of Health for Haldimand-Norfolk region

Dr. Shawn Whatley: Health Policy Fellow at Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Gregory Thomas: Managing Director of Services CJOC Inc.

Matthew Lau: Adjunct Scholar at the Fraser Institute, Fellow with Montreal Economic Institute

Chris Spoke: Founder of digital agency August, Real Estate Investor, and Contributor at The Hub

Dr. Tom Flanagan: Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Fellow, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary

Dr. Rod Clifton: Professor Emeritus at the University of Manitoba and Senior Fellow at the Frontier Centre

Dr. Hymie Rubenstein: Author and retired Professor of Anthropology at the University of Manitoba

Dr. Frances Widdowson: Author and former Professor of Economics at Mount Royal University

Caylan Ford: International Affairs Specialist, Writer, and Documentary Filmmaker

Dr. William Gairdner: Founder of Civitas, Bestselling author and two-time Olympic athlete

W. Brett Wilson: Investment banker, Businessman, Philanthropist and former Panelist on Dragons' Den

Rachel Curran: Public Policy Manager, Meta (Facebook)

Rupa Subramanya: Freelance Journalist and Columnist with the National Post

Andrew Lawton: True North Journalism Fellow and Host of The Andrew Lawton Show

Derek Fildebrandt: President of the Western Standard Media Corporation

Dr. Miles Smit: Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Petrarch Institute

Dr. David Livingstone: Chair Liberal Studies, Professor Liberal Studies and Political Studies at Vancouver Island University

MP Garnett Genuis: Member of Parliament for Sherwood Park—Fort Saskatchewan

Dr. Ian Brodie: Former Chief of Staff to Stephen Harper and Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary

Dr. Mark Milke: Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute, Columnist and Public Policy Advisor

Kaz Nejatian: Vice President, Merchant Services at Shopify

Hamish Marshall: Partner at One Persuades, former National Campaign Manager for the Conservative Party of Canada

Ginny Roth: Vice President and National Practice Lead for government relations at Crestview Strategy

Dr. Rahim Mohamed: Visiting Adjunct Professor in International Studies at Centre College in Kentucky

Aaron Gunn: Independent Journalist; Producer and Director of Politics Explained

Preston Manning: Founder of the Reform Party of Canada and former Leader of the Official Opposition



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To promote and deepen understanding through the exchange of a wide range of political, economic, social, religious, cultural and philosophical ideas concerning the principles and traditions of a free and ordered society.

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