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Life Issues: The Indigenous Perspective

October 5, 2021 | 8PM (ET)

A lecture honouring Indigenous midwifery and end-of-life practices with presentations from The Association of Ontario Midwives and Dr. Carrie Bourassa.

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 8pm (ET).

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Ellen Blais

Ellen Kanika Tsi Tsa Blais is from the Oneida Nation of the Thames and holds the position of Director, Indigenous Midwifery at the Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM). The AOM's Indigenous midwifery team focus is to bring birth home to Indigenous communities, which includes the education and training of Indigenous midwives.



Katsi Cook

Katsi Cook, Wolf Clan, is a member of the Mohawk community of Akwesasne. She is an advocate of Indigenous women's health, drawing from a longhouse traditionalist perspective the idea of Woman as the First Environment. In 1992, Katsi became the founding Aboriginal midwife of the Six Nations Birthing Centre, the only freestanding birth centre in Canada then, grounding its practices in the concept of the Haudenosaunee Creation story.



Dr. Carrie Bourassa

Dr. Carrie Bourassa is Métis and the Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health and a Professor in Community Health & Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Bourassa has nearly 20 years' experience as a professor in the field of Indigenous health studies across four different universities.