Monday October 28

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Room 204, Brodie Centre

BROKEN CIRCLE: THE DARK LEGACY OF INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS: A firsthand survivor’s journey of hope, healing and reconciliation.

Theodore Fontaine, member and former chief of Sagkeeng Ojibway First Nation, presents his firsthand testimony of 12 years of incarceration in Indian residential schools, as published in his national best-selling book, Broken Circle, The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools, A Memoir. He recounts the psychological, physical, emotional and sexual abuse he experienced at the Fort Alexander and Assiniboia Indian residential schools in Manitoba during the 1940s and ’50s, and his painful journey over several decades toward healing and recovery. His presentation resonates with his resolve to help himself and others, and with his enduring belief that one can pick up the shattered pieces and use them for good.

In his presentations, Theodore combines his first-hand testimony with thought-provoking analysis and his considerable story-telling skills. In so doing, he makes this “dark legacy” accessible and vivid, and thereby contributes to Canadian knowledge and commemoration of our residential schooling past, as well as its reverberations into the present.

Thursday October 17

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Neil John Maclean Library, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba Board Room, Room 385

Join us for this lunch hour showing of the full Witness Blanket documentary: Picking up the Pieces: The Making of The Witness Blanket. Bring your lunch. Refreshments and light snacks will be served.

Information on the Witness Blanket

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