



## Aboriginal Speaker Series Speaker: Dr. Jacqueline Maurice

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# “De-Spiriting the Aboriginal Child: Health Determinates of First Nations and Métis Children in Care”

Thursday, February 26, 2009

SKTel Theatre located in the

Royal University Hospital Mall

12:00–2:00 p.m.

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Dr. Jacqueline Maurice is originally from Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. “I grew up all over Saskatchewan and I was in the foster care system for my first eighteen years in life. This era is now known as the Sixties Scoop—an assimilation policy and process which took place after the Residential Schools. In 1997, I graduated with a M. S.W. Degree from Carleton University in Ottawa, ON. With a lot of encouragement and support, I started the doctoral program with the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto. I completed my Ph. D. in 2003 and I was the first Aboriginal woman and person to graduate with a Ph. D. in my discipline. I believe that empowerment begins within each one of us. We can strengthen and empower our families, communities and First Nations by setting a strong example and becoming role models and mentors.”

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