

Wider Publics

A forum on engaged anthropology

You are invited to join a conversation on engaged anthropology with guests Niki Thorne and Prof. Kathryn Denning, and moderator Karl Schmid (Department of Anthropology). What does the anthropological perspective bring to public debates and non-university career paths? What are some of the rewards and challenges of reaching wider publics?



March 4, 2020
2:30pm-4:30pm
Life Sciences Building, 103

Filming of Wild Archaeology

Niki Thorne

Wider Publics and Wild Archaeology



Niki Thorne is an Anthropology PhD candidate and is the lead writer for Season 2 of Wild Archaeology. Wild Archaeology is an award-winning documentary series on APTN, and the first television series in the world to explore archaeology from the perspective of indigenous peoples. She will share her experience of working on a television series and reaching diverse audiences.

Kathryn Denning

Misadventures in time, space, and television, and how good public anthropology can change worlds



Kathryn Denning is a professor of Anthropology at York University who researches and teaches about the long view of humanity, from our archaeological past on Earth to our expansion into the solar system. She focuses on our present relationships with ancient people, with planets no human has yet visited, and with possible extraterrestrial life that has not yet been discovered. She will share her experiences in making anthropologically-themed television and other public engagement.