

THREE ERAS OF TREATY MAKING AND BREAKING IN THE DISH WITH ONE SPOON

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Pre-Colonial Era

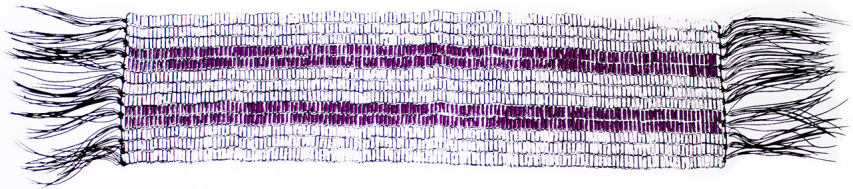
The era of Indigenous-led treaty-making and prior to the arrival of settlers. It includes treaties with the land and inter-Indigenous treaties, often captured in wampum. These treaties underwrite Indigenous worldviews and inform the treaties to come.

Confederation Era

With the arrival of the English and the French, Indigenous treaty-making principles originally dictated the relationship but soon gave way to conflict and a new, more contractual form of settler-led treaty-making. These treaties would be contentious from the outset.

The Modern Era

The result of the misinterpreted and sometimes fraudulent historic treaties would lead to court cases, on the ground conflict, and a new form of treaty making, the modern treaty (accompanied by self-government agreements).



Abstract

The history of the Canada-Indigenous relationship is characterized primarily by conflict. This despite dozens of treaties designed to mitigate conflict and ensure peace, friendship and respect. How can we explain this disparity? Dr. King's presentation explores the three eras of treaty-making in Canada (with specific reference to Southern Ontario) and describes the nature of each type of treaty, how/why they all went so wrong, and what the future holds for our collective treaty relationship.

Further Reading

Historica Canada "Treaty Education Guide": https://www.historicacanada.ca/sites/default/files/PDF/Treaties_English.pdf

Province of Ontario "Treaty Toolkit": <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>

U of T, "Canada by Treaty": <http://history.utoronto.ca/research-publications/canada-treaty>

Land Claims Coalition of Canada: <http://www.landclaimscoalition.ca/>

Kiin-nda-niimi Collective (2014) "The Winter We Danced: Voices from the Past, the Future and the Idle No More Movement": <http://arpbooks.org/books/detail/the-winter-we-danced>