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Researcher First Name: Georgina

Researcher Last Name: Martin

Department: Aboriginal Studies

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Project Title: From Personal Stories to Reconciliation: Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, Intergenerational Trauma, and Healing among Members of the Secwepemc nation

Start semester: 9/1/2021

End Semester: 8/31/2022

Introduction - Please introduce yourself and include pertinent background information as it relates to your

project's research area. I am Georgina Martin from T'exel'c also known as Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) and we are one of the 17 Secwépemc nations within the interior of British Columbia. I have been teaching in the Aboriginal Studies Department since 2016. I have lived experience with Indian hospitals and Indian Residential Schools that position me well for research on Indian hospitals.

Please discuss your educational background and your work experience as it relates to this project. If possible, include a quote that helps define your interest in the project. I received my Phd in the Department of Education at the University of British Columbia in 2014. Since 2016 I have taught courses related to my topic and I have relevant lived-experience to draw from in the research.

Please summarize your project in plain language that others not in your field could understand. This archival research project continued the search for Coqualeetza Indian hospital records from 1941 to 1969. Archival records have limited exploration or formal documentation so very little is known about who attended the hospital or what happened to them. My research focused on the history of Secwepemc people at Coqualeetza, including my mother, who attended the hospital as a TB patient. It is important to uncover the connections between Residential Schools and Indian hospitals to support reconciliation, and healing of Indigenous peoples in BC.

Identify the project goals and objectives. Explain how the results may be used to solve a problem or inform further research in the field. This is not idle curiosity or a merely selfish desire to learn about my personal past. The reality is that at the moment practically nothing is known about who attended the Indian hospitals or what occurred there. First we have to know what happened – the truth must come out. Then reconciliation can take place. There can be no reconciliation when the truth of what occurred remains hidden.This project is a stepping stone from my dissertation to a larger research program.

Briefly explain the steps taken (methods used) to conduct the research, and describe the key findings. I continue my search to address the legacy of both Indian hospitals and Indian Residential schools to assist Indigenous people to move forward from the trauma in a better way. The process is challenging but necessary. Through the literature search, only 16 sources were found. The search continues for archival records.

Who was involved in this project (eg. faculty, students, community partners)? How did their involvement contribute to the project's success? Were there any challenges to overcome? Myself and a Langara student were involved. The research will took place at 4 sites -the Coqualeetza archives, which are located in Sardis/Chilliwack; the Chilliwack Museum and Archives; the United Church in Vancouver; and a section of the Royal Museum which received church records but they were only beginning to catalogue the material prior to COVID so access to information was extremely minimal. Since very little is known or has been uncovered, limited documents, records, and photographs were found.

Please share any personal stories that made this research experience memorable/valuable.
In my research, I reference how I was born into legislated interference due to federal government policies and legislation. Because of my birth in the Coqualeetza Indian hospital, I have been on a life long search for my identity. Records and information are hidden making it difficult to reconnect and find my roots.

What are the next steps for this project and for you as a researcher?
The purpose of the literature search was to identify recent sources that examined the Coqualeetza Indian Hospital, intergenerational and multi-generational trauma. Search terms included (but were not limited to): Indian Hospitals Canada, Coqualeetza, Sanitoriums

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