



August 6, 2009

## **Linking Borders Conference 2009 – Information Update (2)**

Hello Conference Registrants:

With less than 2 months remaining until our conference, the Nova Scotia Association of Black Social Workers (NSABSW) is busy putting the final touches on the program. This letter will provide you with some information to assist you in planning your trip to Nova Scotia, Canada.

### **Passport**

Effective June 2009, you will require a passport to enter/leave Canada. You can obtain information at this website. [http://www.consular.canada.usembassy.gov/enter\\_canada.asp](http://www.consular.canada.usembassy.gov/enter_canada.asp)

### **Hotel Accommodation Update**

Please note the new number for reservations. You are required to call the hotel directly at 902-468-8888. (Remember to quote # CG6681 or the NS ABSW room block to obtain the special room rate.) Rooms are reserved until Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> for conference participants. After that date, there is not guarantee you'll receive the \$129.00 rate.

### **Travel Arrangements**

To assist you with your travel arrangements we provide the following contacts. Please note that some airlines charge extra for luggage.

Kathy Morris - Sr. Travel Consultant  
MKI Travel & Conference Management  
Tel: 613-244-1234 Ext 3331  
Toll-free: 1-800-267-9676  
[kmorris@mkitravel.com](mailto:kmorris@mkitravel.com)

Rhonda Beals - Travel Consultant  
United Travels  
902-422-0111  
1-800-893-0111  
[Rhonda@unitedtravels.ca](mailto:Rhonda@unitedtravels.ca)

### **Program:**

Here are some weblinks on the plenary speakers at the conference for your information.

Dr. Gloria Batiste-Roberts - <http://www.nabsw.org/mserver/>

Minnijean B-Trickey <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=720>

Robert Wright - <http://www.zoominfo.com/Search/PersonDetail.aspx?PersonID=-876627>

Dr. David Este - [http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/faculty\\_staff/este](http://fsw.ucalgary.ca/faculty_staff/este)

Lieutenant Governor of NS, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis - <http://lt.gov.ns.ca/>

Senator Donald Oliver - <http://www.senatordonaldoliver.ca/>

Dr. Bernard - [http://socialwork.dal.ca/Faculty%20and%20Staff/Faculty/Wanda\\_Thomas\\_Bernard.php](http://socialwork.dal.ca/Faculty%20and%20Staff/Faculty/Wanda_Thomas_Bernard.php)

Professor Divine - [http://jamesrjohnstonchair.dal.ca/The\\_Chair\\_\(Revised\).php](http://jamesrjohnstonchair.dal.ca/The_Chair_(Revised).php)

Maritime Centre for African Dance - <http://www.mcafricancamps.com/>



**Weather**

The weather in September can be cool so ensure you bring a fall jacket or sweater. You can check this weblink to obtain information on the weather in Halifax as the conference date gets closer.

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cans0057>

**Cultural Information:**

Black Cultural Centre - If you signed up for the community tour, you will be able to tour our Black Cultural Centre. Here's the Centre's website so you will have some information on what the centre has to offer. <http://www.bccns.com/>

Halifax City Information – If you plan to arrive earlier and/or stay longer you may wish to review this weblink to obtain information on what there is to do in the city.

<http://destinationhalifax.com/uploads/assetsfile/conventions/hfx-mc-planner2009.pdf>

If you require any further information about NSABSW and our Linking Borders Conference, including how to register, please visit our website link on the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers website, nsasw.org, or email us at the address below.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Veronica Marsman".

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