Kelly-Ann King is an Indigenous member of the Timiskaming First Nation band, completing her final year in the Bachelor of Arts (honors) Undergraduate Degree program at Queen’s University. When she gave birth to her beautiful baby, Kaya, in her second year, Kelly continued to excel in her academic endeavors while raising her daughter. With philosophy as her major and passion, pursuing graduate studies in philosophy is the next step for this young and outstanding mother.

In the spring of 2019, Kelly was awarded the Undergraduate Student summer Research Fellowship (USSRF) offered by Queen’s University. Her project was titled Unsettling Settler Colonialism: Indigenous resurgence and the politics of solidarity work. With aims to decolonize education, she participated in social movement research and incorporated alternative and Indigenous practices in her methodology. Kelly plans to focus her graduate work on the philosophical elements of Indigenous practices and histories, as well as analyzing the current relative existential and social-political issues. Kelly believes in building a strong sense of community by sharing with, listening to, and supporting one another. She has demonstrated this through her involvement in the Philosophy Department as a Mentor in the Student Mentorship Program, and volunteer work as a student note-taker for the Accessibilities and Services Department. Kelly continues to participate in various social, political, environmental and cultural events, fundraisers, and clubs on campus and in the Kingston community.

“Thank you so much Ban Righ, Meeqwetch, for everything that you do and for holding such a wonderful and welcoming space.”
Winter 2020 Speakers Series

Part of Lisa Webb’s job at the Ban Righ Centre is to find presenters for the noon hour speaker’s series. For eighteen years she has curated talks from people with a broad range of expertise, experience and passions.

Speakers have come from many different walks of life – from a young woman describing her life with kidney and heart failure, to an academic presentation on transhumanism and cyborgs, to a description of the vital role grizzly bears play in the environment.

Eight to ten times per term, people from Queen’s and the greater Kingston community make their way to the little brown house at 32 Bader Lane to spend their lunch hour learning about something new over a bowl of soup and in the company of other curious attendees.

This long-standing series has been the Ban Righ Centre’s contribution to free and accessible continuing education to the Kingston and Queen’s communities. Through it, Ban Righ Centre strives to provide interesting and through-provoking topics from a diverse group of speakers including Queen’s faculty, graduate students, Kingston community members and beyond. Speakers generously participate without compensation.

In order to make the talks as accessible as possible, many are uploaded to the Ban Righ Centre’s youtube channel and can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_BvqW8T7bM7puqSElj2m1A/videos

We invite you to join us for the Winter 2020 speakers series.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE
In the interest of minimizing our impact on the planet, we will reduce the number of newsletters we print and mail. Starting in September 2020, we will produce an email newsletter, with limited print version available for those who let us know they would prefer to receive hard copies.

Please contact us at brc@queensu.ca or 613-533-2976 to let us know if you would like to continue receiving the Ban Righ Centre newsletter by mail.

Winter Bounty - Eating Locally and Seasonally in a Northern Climate.
Thursday January 23
Janette Haase, Author, Educator and Gardener.

Tips to Optimize your Pelvic Wellness
Thursday January 30
Kathleen Pratt, MSW, RSW. Certified Yoga Teacher

Eastern Ontario’s Natural Wonders
Tuesday February 11
Megan Quinn, Acting Coordinator, Conservation Biology - Eastern Ontario, Nature Conservancy of Canada

Doesn’t matter where you come from: Immigration is hard.
Thursday February 20
Setareh Ghahari, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences | School of Rehabilitation Therapy

Mastering Menopause
Monday February 24
Angela Hunt, Naturopathic Doctor, Kingston Integrated Health Centre

The Revolution is Female
Friday March 6; International Women’s Day
Kaziwa Salih, PhD.

Unmaking as Activism: A Movement towards Slow Art
Monday, March 16
Jill Price, PhD, Department of Cultural Studies

The Colour of Light: An Artist Talk
Friday March 27
Rebecca Anweiler, Assistant Professor Fine Art (Visual Art) Program. Queen’s University

The art of Rebecca Anweiler will be on display in the Jean Royce Lounge from Dec 6 — April 3
Happy Birthday

Clockwise from top left: Georgina Riel-Leadership Award recipient; Dr. Louise Rang-Mentorship Award recipient; Britta B; Four Directions Women’s Singers; Jillian Burford Grinnel; Michelle Kasaboski. Photo credit Bernard Clarke

Dorothy Matheson Parnell and Shirley Brooks Purkis, two long-time friends of the Ban Righ Centre, both celebrated their 100th Birthdays in 2019. Photo credit: Anne Richards.

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Winter Bazaar

December 6th marked the fourth anniversary of the Ban Righ Centre Winter Bazaar. This annual event provides an opportunity for student-parents and their children to meet other families and enjoy a meal together. Moms settle in to enjoy a relaxing evening while their little ones purchase gifts for their families from items that have been generously donated by members of the Queen’s and Kingston communities. Thanks to their kindness, each gift costs only 25¢. For staff member and bazaar coordinator Gamila Abdalla, the joyful evening was the culmination of months of organizing. She sends her thanks to all those who made the evening possible.

2020 Spring Celebration

Mark your calendars! The Ban Righ Foundation Spring Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Wallace Hall in the John Deutsch University Centre.

Watch our website and social media for details, and join us as we celebrate student success.

Margaret Eleanor Gibson, 1924 – 2019

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ban Righ Centre friend and former board member, Margaret Eleanor Gibson. Margaret passed away peacefully on November 3rd 2019 in her 96th year.

Writing Studio 2020

Graduate and Professional Students - Do you need a quiet place to write?

The Ban Righ Centre supports and encourages the educational goals of mature women students. The Writing Studio, Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, will allow for dedicated writing time in a distraction-free environment. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages in April for more details and to reserve your space.