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NIC Nursing presents 4th Annual Visiting Scholar Lecture

North Island College's Nursing Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Colleen Varcoe and Dr. Vicki Smye, from the University of British Columbia's School of Nursing, will present the 4th Annual Visiting Scholars Lecture on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 pm at the Stan Hagen Theatre, Comox Valley campus.

Drs. Varcoe and Smye will draw on their research in maternity care in Aboriginal communities, as well as their research in mental health, addictions and intimate partner violence with diverse communities, to engage the audience in exploring how all our lives are interconnected and influenced by shifting histories, economics and politics.



Dr. Vicki Smye



Dr. Colleen Varcoe

According to Dr. Varcoe "These interconnections provide possibilities for addressing inequities in access to health care and for developing alternatives to relationships marked by conflict, stigma and discrimination – approaches characterized by interest in one another, mutual respect, collaboration, and connections across differences."

Dr. Varcoe is an Associate Professor with the University of British Columbia's School of Nursing and also serves as the School's Associate Director of Research. Her research and teaching focus on anti-racist/anti-oppressive pedagogy and ethics, and fostering socially just nursing practice. She teaches in the areas of women's health, culture and health, ethical practice in nursing, and health and social policy.

Dr. Smye is an Assistant Professor with UBC's School of Nursing and is also a New Investigator with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Women's Health Effects Study. Dr. Smye's research program focuses on access to mental health and addictions care with particular attention in women's mental health and Aboriginal mental health.

Please join us for this free public event. For further information on this presentation, please contact Dan Woodrow at 250-334-5000 ext. 4038 or dan.woodrow@nic.bc.ca. For information about North Island College's programs and services please visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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