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Sto:lo writers are out there - published

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A Sto:lo student, casual in his very nature as ever, walked into my office in late January with a pocketbook, featuring impressionist artwork of a First Nation woman and man on its cover, in hand. He said, "See this? It's by my friend from Kwantlen."

My attention was stoked immediately. Not recognizing the cover, I accepted his invitation to examine the book. First glance—the name Joseph A. Dandurand was placed as the author. Second glance—the title line boldly stated 'Please Don't Touch the Indians'.

The student added "It's a play. He has poetry, too."

"Why haven't I heard about this writer?" I wondered out loud.

Without much further deliberation, I realized that this information, new to myself, was destined to be a part of S'olh Shxwlèlì Siyaye in the near future.

Further online research reveals that Dandurand lives at Kwantlen. He

cherishes his family and his life as a Sto:lo person. He has several books of poetry and plays published by two publishers and he has self-published several more books of poetry. As a playwright, his works have been produced in Vancouver, Toronto, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Some disappointment surfaced when none of Dandurand's published works showed up in a search of UCFV's library. Eventually I'll find copies of his work which I can read. Thus far, I only know of three online sources to buy his books new or used: Amazon.ca, Kegeandone.com, and biblio.com. I am sure to watch for and ask about Dandurand titles as I visit bookstores throughout the Fraser Valley. Finally, I've yet to contact the author himself to ask where to get his books. So I've yet to read any of his books cover to cover; I am reluctant to borrow such rare and intriguing literature for caution of forgetting to return it.

Reviews of his works indicate that Dandurand presents a surreal if spiritual vision of the condition of contemporary Native life. Both his plays and poetry contain thought provoking text. Several of his poems are available online bear this out. On page two of this issue, web addresses are provided for readers to view these poems. A reading list of Dandurand's published works is there as well. Also on page two, there is an article about another published Sto:lo author, Lee Maracle, who recently visited S'olh Shxwlèlì.



Sto:lo poet and playwright Joseph A. Dandurand

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March student potluck gathering

Remember: Around here, potluck means bring a dish to share if you can. If not, feel welcome to join us anyhow.

There's always something yummy on our luncheon menu. Sometimes it's traditional food.

Student Potluck Luncheon at S'olh Shxwlèlì

Thursday March 15th
11:30 am to 2:30
Room D136 (ARC)

All are welcome!



Lee Maracle coffee house and reading

When S'olh Shxwlel'í learned that renowned Sto:lo writer Lee Maracle was scheduled to visit Sto:lo territory, arrangements were quickly made to invite her to give a reading of her works at a coffee house gathering at our centre. She agreed and, on February 22nd after advertising in the local paper and within UCFV on very short notice, twenty-five people came to listen.

Lee chose to read from her 2002 book *Daughters Are Forever*. She explained that the story she read from was based on her own experiences with her two daughters. Lee added, that by fictionalizing moments in her own life, she has come to better understand her life experience. After the reading, she answered questions about her writing in general.

Besides her daughters, Lee has two sons. She is related to families in Burrard, Lummi, and Seabird Island. She is a granddaughter to the late Chief Dan George.



Sto:lo writer Lee Maracle during her visit on February 22.

Lee had worked as a writing, literature, and women studies instructor at the post secondary level. She currently works at the University of Toronto. Previously, she worked at the University of Waterloo and the University of Western Washington.

As an author, she is prolific and is the most published aboriginal woman in Canada. Only Drew Hayden Taylor has more published books than Lee among aboriginal writers in Canada. Look for new books from Lee in the not too distant future. Based on her reading at S'olh Shxwlel'í, her new books, to be sure, will be awesome aboriginal stories.

FYI - An author search of Lee Maracle on UCFV's library website returned 10 titles.

Joseph A. Dandurand Reading List



Sto:lo playwright and poet Joseph A. Dandurand has published titles. Many of these may be difficult to locate because of a limited number of copies being made. However, perhaps some will surface if given a little publicity. The year of publication is given if that information was found.

Poetry

Upside Down Raven

I Touched the Coyote's Tongue

Burning for the Dead and Scratching for the Poor (1995)

Looking into the Eyes of My Forgotten Dreams (2000)

Plays

Crackers and Soup (1994)

No Totem for My Story (1995)

Where Two Rivers Meet (1995)

Please Do Not Touch the Indians (2003)

Shake (2003)

Poems Online

Paint

<http://www.hanksville.org/storytellers/dandurand/poems/paint.html>

Fort Langley

<http://www.hanksville.org/storytellers/dandurand/poems/FtLangley.html>

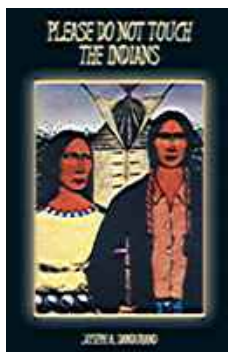
Radio Script

St. Mary's for CBC Radio (1999)

Online info

<http://www.hanksville.org/storytellers/dandurand/>

http://www.kegedonce.com/authors_joseph.php



Important March and April Dates to Remember

Withdrawal from course

Final day to withdraw from a course: March 15th.

A 'W' grade will appear on your transcript.

Winter 2007 Exams

April 10th to 23rd

Examination timetable is now available online:

<http://www.ucfv.ca/ar/semesterinfo/200701/examschedule.htm>



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In the community



Shirley Hardman spoke at the Chawathil Healthy Career Fair on February 26th. S'olh Shxwłèl'í says good work to organizer Yvette John of Chawathil First Nation.



Above are two pictures taken at the Sto:lo Career Fair on February 9th at the Landing Sports Centre in Chilliwack. On the left is the UNBC display banner. On the right are RCMP display banners. S'olh Shxwłèl'í congratulates Sto:lo Employment Services for another successful event.

Want that little extra academic boost to help your GPA?

Tutorial Services are available at S'olh Shxwłèl'í from an education professional!

Laura Smith will be available for tutorial sessions in the weeks through March leading up to final exams in April.

Students can meet her at S'olh Shxwłèl'í from 4 pm to 9:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on the following dates:

March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29

April 3

