

SCSC GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM 2022

Imagination and Action: Building Systems of Belonging



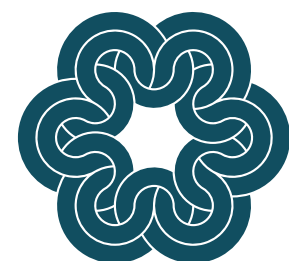
PROGRAM

October 22 to 25, 2022
Toronto, Canada.



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About the Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness

The Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness (SCSC) is a non-profit centre for research and advocacy dedicated to overcoming social isolation and building social connectedness.

VISION

To create a world where everyone has the right to belong.

MISSION

To build connectedness within and between communities through partnerships, research, programming, learning initiatives, and advocacy.

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Welcome to the SCSC 2022 Global Symposium!

Imagination and Action: Building Systems of Belonging

Dear Friends and Changemakers,

We are honoured to welcome you all to the Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness 2022 Global Symposium on Overcoming Social Isolation and Deepening Social Connectedness. This year's theme is *Imagination and Action: Building Systems of Belonging*.

Increasingly, we are facing challenges in our global society that are highlighting the fissures in our systems. Systems that are failing to guarantee equal rights to all and failing to uphold individuals' Right to Belong. We must reinvigorate our fundamental connections to each other and to nature, as well as strengthen our capacity to participate meaningfully in the decision-making structures and create meaning in our lives.

In this year's Symposium, we will be imagining what a world that embodies true belonging could look like, hearing powerful stories from those who are actively building belonging, exploring collaborations and innovations in this field, and finally, examining what actions we must take to realize a world in which everyone has the Right to Belong.

It fills us with great joy and pride that this year's Symposium also aligns with the release of *On Belonging* – a book that has been the culmination of decades of work in this field and which features the voices and stories of many of those joining us here today.

Our movement is defined by strong partnerships. With every Symposium, there is renewed momentum and energy in coming together in the movement to build belonging, united in our shared mission to build a more inclusive society.

In the coming days, we look forward to us collectively moving from ideation to action in the pursuit of building new systems of belonging.

In partnership

Kim Samuel, Founder and Chief Belonging Officer, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness

Julie Kon Kam King, Executive Director, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness

Laura Macchione, Executive Director, Samuel Family Foundation

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

6pm - 8:30pm Opening Reception, Dinner and Registration (Westin Harbour Castle hotel)
Regatta Room located off of the Lobby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

7:30am	Buses leave Westin hotel for Globe and Mail Centre
8am	Breakfast
9am	Welcome and morning sessions
1pm	Lunch
2pm	Afternoon sessions
4pm	Buses leave Globe and Mail Centre for Westin hotel
6pm	Buses leave Westin hotel for STORYS Building
6:30pm	Creativity Night
9pm	Buses leave STORYS Building for Westin hotel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

7am	Pipe Ceremony, Misipawistik Cree Nation
7:30 a.m.	Buses leave Westin hotel for Globe and Mail Centre
8am	Breakfast
9am	Welcome and morning sessions
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Afternoon sessions
4:15pm	Buses leave Globe and Mail Centre for Westin hotel
6pm	Buses leave Westin hotel for Bram and Bluma Appel Salon
6:30pm	Town Hall Dinner
9:30pm	Buses leave Bram and Bluma Appel Salon for Westin hotel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Buses leave Westin hotel for Globe and Mail Centre
8am	Breakfast
9am	Welcome and morning sessions
11:30am	Lunch
12:15pm	Afternoon session
1:20pm	Closing Circle
2:15pm	Bus leaves for Pearson International Airport



DAILY PROGRAM

Speakers featured throughout the Symposium and their bios can be viewed on the Global Symposium 2022 website at www.globalsymposium2022.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

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6:00 to 8:30pm **Opening Reception, Dinner and Registration**

- remarks begin at 7:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022: IMAGINING BELONGING

Globe and Mail Centre (351 King Street East, #1600)

7:30am Buses leave Westin hotel for Globe and Mail Centre

8:00am Warm breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 9:10am	Opening Remarks
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Aaron Williamson, Global Symposium Facilitator, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness; Founder and CEO, Goalr7 Inc.

9:10 – 9:45am **Indigenous Welcome**

9:45 – 10:15am **Opening Keynote Address: Kim Samuel**, Founder and Chief Belonging Officer, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness

10:15 – 11:05am **Connection Activity – Getting to Know Each Other**

Participants are guided in an activity to discuss what brings them to the Symposium, and where they find “place” in the web of belonging we are co-creating.

11:05 – 11:15am Break

II:15 – 12:10pm **Panel Discussion: Imagining Systems of Belonging**

This panel will explore experiences of belonging from diverse individual's and

group's perspectives, highlighting gaps in the current systems, and imagining what it could look like to have more inclusive systems and communities where the Right to Belong is upheld.

Moderator: **Marlene Ogawa**, Country Director, Synergos, South Africa

Discussion Drivers:

April Lee, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Bethany Brown, Human Rights Advisor, International Disability Alliance

Dr. Kenneth Deer, Secretary of the Mohawk Nation at Kahnawake; Director, Indigenous World Association

Olaoluwa Abagun, SCSC Fellow (2021); Executive Director, ATHENA Network.

12:10 – 1:00pm

Breakout Discussion: Imagining Belonging

In smaller breakout groups, participants will take an imaginative approach to exploring and envisioning inclusive systems of belonging. From an intersectional perspective, participants will be guided to address 3-4 key questions about the systems they are part of, and how these could be reimagined to encompass the Right to Belong.

1:00 – 2:00pm

Lunch

2:00 – 2:15pm

Energizer

Caroline Potter Shriver, Executive Director, The Village

2:15 – 3:15pm

Panel Discussion: Education Systems and Belonging

This panel will explore how education can act as a catalyst for connection, highlighting the ways in which partners are innovating in education systems to create belonging.

Moderator: **Dr. Stephanie Jones**, Gerald S. Lesser Professor of Child Development and Education in the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard University

Discussion Drivers:

Ben Haack, Athlete, Mentor and Board Member, Special Olympics International

Dr. Frankie Young, Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law;
Advisor, Honouring Nations Canada

	<p>Dr. Michael Hawes, Executive Director, Fulbright Canada</p> <p>Ron Cook, Elder, Misipawistik Cree Nation</p> <p>Tanya Aberman, Executive Director, S4 Collective</p>
3:15 – 3:50pm	<p>Debrief: How Do We Imagine a System of Belonging?</p> <p>Aaron invites participants to share key points in a guided discussion on insights and overarching themes that emerged throughout the day.</p> <p>Aaron Williamson, Global Symposium Facilitator</p>
3:50 – 4:00pm	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Julie Kon Kam King, Executive Director, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness</p>
4:00pm	Buses leave Globe and Mail Centre for Westin hotel
4:30 – 6:00pm	Break
6:00pm	Buses leave Westin hotel for Creativity Night at STORYS Building (11 Duncan Street)

Evening Events

6:30 to 7:30pm	<p>Creativity Night and Dinner</p> <p>Creativity Night will feature live performances by musicians, artists and poets on the theme of connectedness and social belonging, as well as food stations and passed hors d’oeuvres.</p> <p>The evening begins with welcome remarks from Jennifer Corriero, Co-Founder and Executive Director, TakingITGlobal, who will discuss the role of creativity in the movement for belonging.</p> <p>Creative performances include:</p> <p>Live music</p> <p>As participants talk and connect with each other, a 4-piece jazz ensemble, led by local Toronto artist Faith Amour, will perform lively and dynamic songs infused with quotes on belonging.</p> <p>Live painting by artist Katrina Canedo inspired by themes of social connection</p>
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	<p>A local artist will produce a painting from start to finish incorporating belonging themes while participants enjoy small bites and beverages.</p> <p>Live dance performance</p> <p>Caroline Potter Shriver, Executive Director, The Village, will perform an engaging dance piece that ties together elements of belonging.</p>
7:30 – 8:45pm	<p>Food Stations and Passed Hors D’oeuvres</p> <p>Performances throughout dinner:</p> <p>Faith Amour, live jazz music</p> <p>Jedidah Nabwangu, SCSC Fellow (2017); Communications Coordinator, Women’s Shelters Canada; and Toronto-based artist, will perform select poetry pieces reinforcing the theme of belonging.</p>
9:00pm	Buses leave STORYS Building for Westin hotel

Monday, October 24, 2022: Innovation and Connection

Globe and Mail Centre (351 King Street East, #1600)

7:00 - 8:00am	<p>Pipe Ceremony - Misipawistik Cree Nation</p> <p>“The okimāwak (knowledge keepers) tell us to welcome each new day with a prayer and song of thanksgiving for being given another day to walk on the earth. At dawn, we stand facing the sun welcoming the new day.”</p> <p><i>NB: A bus will be available to take participants participating in the Pipe Ceremony to the Globe and Mail Centre following the Ceremony.</i></p>
7:30am	Buses leave Westin hotel for Globe and Mail Centre
8:00am	Warm breakfast
9:00am	<p>Opening</p> <p>Aaron Williamson, Global Symposium Facilitator</p>

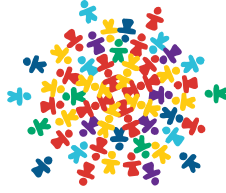
9:05 -10:35am	<p>In Conversation with Kim Samuel</p> <p>Jennifer Hollett, Executive Director, The Walrus</p> <p>Kim Samuel, Founder and Chief Belonging Officer, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness</p> <p>Jennifer Hollett will facilitate a discussion with Kim Samuel about building belonging, with insights drawn from stories in Kim’s new book, <i>On Belonging: Finding Connection in an Age of Isolation</i>. The conversation will highlight partners in the movement and celebrate those involved in creating the book.</p> <p>Discussion Drivers:</p> <p>Loretta Claiborne, Chief Inspiration Officer and Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Special Olympics International</p> <p>Becky Cook, Program Coordinator, Misipawistik Traditional Learning Program, Misipawistik Cree Nation</p> <p>Pamela Molina, Sustainability Director, Agrolibano</p>	on the commonalities that emerged from the storytelling sessions and consider how we can collaborate to reinforce belonging across communities.
		Aaron Williamson , Global Symposium Facilitator
		12:30 – 1:30pm Lunch
		1:30 – 2:20pm
		Panel Discussion: Innovation and Connection
		This panel discussion will explore how individuals are innovating to foster belonging in diverse areas and through partnerships. Across diverse themes, we will see how the Right to Belong critically underpins connections within and between communities to foster change.
		Moderator: Samer Muscati , Associate Director, Human Rights Watch
		Discussion Drivers:
		Cliff Fregin , Chief Operating Officer, Indspire; Advisor, Honouring Nations Canada
		Angie Osachoff , Director of Canadian Programs, Equitas, International Centre for Human Rights Education
		Destin Bujang , Co-Founder and Executive Director, Black Creek Youth Initiative
		Lori Pompa , Founder and Executive Director, Inside Out Prison Exchange Program
		2:20 – 2:50pm
		Innovation in Action: Partner Highlight
		Creating Space for Indigenous Knowledges and Belonging
		Introducing Honouring Nations Canada: Kim Samuel , Founder and Chief Belonging Officer, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness
		Honouring Nations Canada , represented by members of the Circle of Advisors and Candace Wasacase-Lafferty , Director of HNC, will lead a discussion on HNC’s work and advocacy. This is an opportunity for participants to learn from an innovative initiative that celebrates and honours Indigenous worldview and ways of knowing.
		2:50pm
		Introduction to Breakout Discussion
		Aaron Williamson , Global Symposium Facilitator
		2:55 – 3:05pm
		Break
12:15 – 12:30pm	<p>Debrief: The Belonging Thread</p> <p>In plenary discussion, participants will be encouraged to share their reflections</p>	

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Xuewei Wang, Research Scientist, Data Driven EnviroLab

10:15 – 10:25am	Break
10:25 – 10:30am	Introduction to break out exercise: Impact for Belonging Aaron Williamson, Global Symposium Facilitator
10:30 – 11:30am	Breakout Session: Impact for Belonging In smaller groups, participants will share their insights and strategies for impactful momentum building.
11:30 – 12:15pm	Lunch
12:15 – 1:05pm	Closing Session Panel: Rounding the Circle This panel will explore how we can empower, motivate, build momentum, and take action across circles of belonging. Moderator: Kim Samuel , Founder and Chief Belonging Officer, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness Discussion Drivers: Danya Pastuszek , Co-CEO, Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement Elsie Tellier , Disability Rights Activist; Articling Student, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General Joey Monane , Founder and Executive Director, Ikusasa Lethu Peter Stewart , Chief Purpose Officer, The Eden Project
1:05 – 1:20pm	Debrief: Imagining the Way Forward; Back in plenary, participants will be invited to share key messages that emerged throughout the Symposium.; Speaker: Aaron Williamson , Global Symposium Facilitator, Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness; Founder and CEO, Goalr7Inc.
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