

**Seventh International Symposium on Poetic Inquiry**  
**October 2-5, 2019**

**Call for Proposals REVISED**

*"I lost my talk / The talk you took away."  
Rita Joe, Mi'kmaw Poet*

Recognizing that the United Nations declared 2019 the International Year of Indigenous Languages, we invite the growing poetic inquiry community to gather at **Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada** for the Seventh International Symposium on Poetic Inquiry (ISPI) to perform, present, and create poetry on the theme of Indigenous Languages. As with other ISPI, poetry performances/presentations/installations on other themes are also welcome. While we hope that some poetry will be in Indigenous languages, the working language of the conference will be English.

Whether you are Indigenous, or a newcomer or settler descendant, consider the Indigenous communities of the land where you live or have lived. What roles have Indigenous languages played in your life? How has, or how might, engagement with Indigenous languages change your poetic voice? What could you (un)learn? What is 'your talk' and what is its importance to you? Why speak/write? Whose words? Whose voice? Whose poetry?

Please submit a proposal for a performance/presentation/installation. Your proposal should be no more than 250 words. It should be a clear description of what you anticipate performing/presenting/installing. In the spirit of previous symposia, because of the format of the sessions (consecutive, rather than concurrent), everyone may be present and participate in all events, but each person will be limited to perform/present during one event. In order to include as many voices as possible, we particularly encourage collaborative proposals. In addition to your proposal, please include a bio of no more than 50 words for each participant. Proposals should be sent to John and Natalie at [ispi2019@gmail.com](mailto:ispi2019@gmail.com) no later than **September 15, 2018**. Confirmation of acceptance will be emailed by December 15, 2018, with confirmation of registration required by January 31, 2019.

*"So gently I offer my hand and ask / Let me find my talk / So I can teach you about me."  
Rita Joe, Mi'kmaw Poet*

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Acadia University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq nation.