

“Splitting the Sky” and Aboriginal Rights in Canada

The Global Research News Hour features a conversation with University of Lethbridge Professor of Globalization Studies Anthony Hall

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Hall explains that there has been a shift in conservative politics in Canada away from what he calls the indigenous conservatism of Canada toward a more US Republican-style neo-conservatism typified by an emphasis on low taxes, less government, increased military spending and championing the oil sector at the expense of the environment.

Hall also believes, like the [Idle No More](#) movement, that recently introduced legislation jeopardizes Aboriginal Title and Treaty in Canada and Canada’s traditional relationship with the First Nations.

He sees these two realities going hand in hand. He also believes that [recently disgraced](#) and controversial University of Calgary Political Science Professor and back-room conservative strategist [Tom Flanagan](#), had a major role to play in influencing Canada’s political landscape and ushering in this conservative revolution in Canada. He will explain this relationship early in the interview.

The majority of the show however is devoted to the life and legacy of recently deceased Mohawk warrior [Splitting The Sky](#), or Dacajaweiah (‘Dac’ for short.).

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Dac led the Attica State Prison riot in 1972, he helped organize the Gustafsen Lake stand-off in 1995, and has come to popular attention more recently as a 9/11 Truth campaigner and as the one man who ever attempted to place former President George W. Bush under (citizens’) arrest for Iraq War Crimes.

Hall first met Splitting The Sky following the stand-off at Gustafsen Lake. As Hall himself points out, it was Dac who first acquainted him with 9/11 Truth. The Lethbridge Professor recalls his working relationship with his old friend, talks of the challenges Splitting The Sky had to confront throughout his life, and speculates on the circumstances of his mysterious death, which he won’t quite rule out as a homicide.

The show also includes part of a recording of Splitting The Sky’s March 2010 talk along with

Cynthia McKinney in Calgary, Alberta. This was just around the time of Splitting The Sky's Court Sentencing.

Professor Anthony Hall is Professor of Globalization Studies at the University of Lethbridge. He is the author of The American Empire and the Fourth World as well as Earth into Property: Colonization, Decolonization, and Capitalism

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