



Grandfather Mountain Scottish Clan & Family Caucus 2014

Ceud Mile Failte

Lees McRae College

Banner Elk, North Carolina

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

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Thursday July 10, 2014

Evans Auditorium

The Council of Scottish Clans and Associations ("COSCA") is dedicated to preserving and promoting the customs, traditions, and heritage of the Scottish people, including Scottish Americans in the United States. COSCA was established thirty-eight years ago at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and has operated continuously since that time. COSCA strives to accomplish its purposes by educating the public about Scottish history, literature, music, poetry, art and culture, and providing various services to our constituent members. COSCA serves thousands of Scottish-Americans as a clearinghouse for traditional activities throughout the United States from clans to dancers to pipers to weavers and athletes and many others. COSCA strives to serve the clans and associations through a variety of educational and service-oriented means.

Scottish clans, societies, associations, businesses and individuals are all welcome to join COSCA. With our large Scottish network and global contacts COSCA is the best way to stay connected to the Scottish community and its activities worldwide.

Program

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8:00am to 4:45PM

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| 8:30am – 8:45 am | Welcome and necessities - COSCA Trustee: David Pickens |
| 8:45am - 9:15am | Report from the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs
Hon. Alexander Leslie and Susan McIntosh |
| 9:15am – 9:30am | Report from our Global Friends:
JoAnn Tuskin, Treasurer, Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada
Malcolm Buchannan, President, Scottish Australian Heritage Council (<i>Letter to the Caucus</i>) |
| 9:30am -10:00am | International Clan Gatherings Working Group Report & Survey Discussion |
| 10:00am - 11:30am | Diaspora Relationships with the Scottish Government Since Devolution – Dr. Duncan Sim |
| 11:30am - 12:30pm | Lunch on campus |
| 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Crossfire! Dr. Bruce Durie and Dr. Michael Newton take differing perspectives on the topic: Heroes & Myth vs Gaelic Reality in Scottish American History |
| 1:30pm - 2:00pm | Caucus Combined Groups Report |
| 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Social Media Panel – Hon. Alexander Leslie, Amanda Moffet, Rodger Moffet, Charles Randolph Bruce |
| 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Games & Clans Panel - Ed McLean, Scott Perez, Steve Quillen, Association of Scottish Games & Festival representative (invited). |
| 4:30pm - 4:45pm | Wrap up and next year! |

Panelists



The Honorable John Alexander Leslie

The Honourable John Alexander Leslie, of Clan Leslie took over as Chief of Clan Leslie on the death of his father in 2005. He joined the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs the following year, joined the Executive in 2010 and was elected Vice Convenor in 2013. He is responsible for the communications of this ever more relevant and respected body. He helped organise a service of commemoration for the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Flodden. Alexander has been Honoured Guest of several Highland Games in the U.S and finds their atmosphere fun, moving and inspiring. Grandfather Mountain Games is the largest that he has attended. He loves everything outdoors, but makes his living writing about directions in new technology and what it

will mean for the companies that will deliver it. Alexander lives in Edinburgh with his partner Miranda, their spaniel and whippet. His house is in sight of Edinburgh Castle - where his ancestor was the first Governor in 1087 - as long as you stand on tip-toe and crane your neck slightly.



Bruce Durie

BSc (Nons) PhD FSAScot FColIT FIGRS FHEA OLI
Genealogist, Author, Broadcaster, Lecturer

Bruce Durie is recognized internationally as one of the leading practitioners in the field, particularly for his teaching, writing and broadcasting.

Author of over 25 books on family and local history, he started and directed (until 2011) the much-acclaimed Genealogical, Heraldic and Paleographic Studies Program (leading to a Masters degree) at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. He now teaches courses on Genealogy and Documents for the University of Edingburgh.

His BBC Radio Scotland series *Digging up your Roots* and *A House with a Past* have attracted rave reviews and a solid listener following.

Recently elected to the prestigious l'Académie internationale de Généalogie (the only member from Scotland), he also engages in private genealogical work, and co-organizes ancestral tours along with his business partner, Jamie, Lord Sempill.

He is Shennachie (Genealogist and Historian) to the Chief of Durie and co-manages the Scottish DNA Project, with Alasdair MacDonald. His background is in medicine and neuropharmacology, as well as holding a doctoral degree in history.



Dr Duncan Sim is Reader in Sociology at the University of the West of Scotland in Paisley, Scotland. His research interests lie in issues of ethnicity and identity and particularly in relation to migrants and Diasporas. He has undertaken research on the Scottish diaspora in North America, in Europe and within the rest of the UK as well as with migrants and diaspora visitors within Scotland. His work has been funded by a range of governmental and charitable sources and he has published widely.



Dr Michael Newton was awarded a Ph.D. in Celtic Studies from the University of Edinburgh in 1998 and was an Assistant Professor in the Celtic Studies department of St Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia 2008-2013. He has written several books and numerous articles on many aspects of Highland culture and history in Scotland and North America. He was the editor of *Dùthchas nan Gaidheal: Selected Essays of John MacInnes*, which won the Saltire Society's Research Book award of 2006 and the author of *Warriors of the Word: The World of the Scottish Highlanders*, which was nominated for the 2009 Katharine Briggs Award for folklore research. In 2014 he was given the inaugural Saltire Award by the St. Andrews University Scottish Heritage Center (of Laurinburg, North Carolina) for his "outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Scottish history and culture."



Jo Ann Munro Tuskin, U.E., B.A., B.Ed. Jo Ann became interested in her Scottish heritage while doing her family tree in the early 1960s and became a member of Clan Munro (Association) in Scotland at that time. In 1975, she attended the inaugural meeting of Clan Munro Association of Canada (CMAC) and has been the Secretary since that time. She is also the Editor, Librarian and Genealogist for CMAC. In 1976, CMAC was one of the groups that founded Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) and has continued to be an active member. Over the years, Jo Ann has been Secretary and Editor at various times for CASSOC, and is currently the Secretary. Jo Ann earned her B.A. and B.Ed. from York University in Toronto while teaching full-time. After retirement, she taught Kindergarten in Turkey at a Private International School for four years, and currently is an Occasional Teacher for the Toronto Catholic District School Board. Jo Ann's ancestors are United Empire Loyalists (refugees from the Revolutionary War) and in 2008 she provided the documentary proof to the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada and is entitled to use the post-nominal initials, U.E., for Unity of Empire – the only hereditary title allowed in Canada.



Charles Randolph Bruce with his wife Carolyn, Charles is the coauthor of the "*Rebel King*" series of self-published novels about Robert the Bruce, King of Scots. Tens of thousands of these books have been sold across the United States. He also has authored several other books including "*Games of Otterburn 1388*".

His background is advertising, writing, marketing and art (commercial and fine arts). He attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He was president of Bruce and Bruce Advertising from 1977 to 2002 when the business was changed to a publishing company. Both were jointly owned and operated by him and his wife. Before that he was Creative Director of two advertising agencies in the Norfolk Virginia Beach area.

His work has garnered well over a hundred, top local, regional and national industry awards including two international awards.



Stephen Quillin is currently Vice President for Development of the Board of Trustees of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Mr. Quillin has been active with Clan MacLaren for many years, serving at Council level of the North American Society in a variety of roles, including three terms as President. He continues to serve on Clan Council and actively maintains relationships with MacLaren sister Societies in the UK and Australia and the Chief.

Steve makes his home in Durham, NC where he resides with his wife Sylvia.



Scott Perez: M.S., PhD (candidate), Cornell University. Scott's graduate work is in the interface of Indigenous and mainstream culture in America. He grew up in the Midwest with a very diverse cultural and ethnic background: Scottish American (Clan Drummond) and Mohawk (Bear Clan). Scott's Drummond ancestors came to America after the '45 rising. Scott spent a number of years working in Native communities, including the Mohawk Nation and has studied the relationship between Scots immigrants and Native American peoples. An elder told him that it was important that he also study and understand the rest of his ancestry which led to his research into Scotland and Ireland. Though there are many differences, the similarities in the clan systems and the spiritual beliefs and traditions, pre-Christianity, caught his attention as did the relationship between the Scots immigrants and Native American peoples.

COSCA Board Members

Susan L. McIntosh, J. D., President Council of Scottish Clans & Associations

Susan is a fourth generation Colorado native living in and working from a cabin in the woods at 9,000 ft. in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado.

There, largely through the miracle of the world-wide web, Susan pursues a private consulting practice serving the governance, management and substantive needs of non-profit and quasi-governmental clients. Susan is a specialist in the reorganization and reinvigoration of troubled non-profit and quasi-governmental organizations and in the design and implementation of new such organizations. Additionally, Sue has designed and orchestrated numerous successful state, regional and national coalition led legislative issue campaigns on behalf of environmental and cultural non-profit causes – and is likely to do so again. Sue attended the University of Denver on a music scholarship (jazz bassist) and holds an undergraduate degree in History (1984) and a Juris Doctorate (1987) from university as well. She also enjoyed postgraduate studies in early American intellectual history at The American University in Washington D.C. (1990 – 91) and plans some fine day to return to complete the PhD. Susan writes a standing column titled “*McLetter from America*” for the magazine ‘*Scots Heritage*’, official publication for The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, published quarterly. A collection of recent articles is available as a supplemental handout at the caucus.

Ken Scott, J. D., Vice President Council of Scottish Clans & Associations

Ken Scott graduated with honors from both the University of Colorado-Boulder (with a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy) and Harvard Law School (J.D.), where he was a student director of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. After clerking for a federal judge and working at a large law firm, Ken was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, in Denver, Colorado, until 1997 specializing in white-collar crime. In 1998, Ken and his family moved to The Hague, Netherlands, where he was a senior prosecutor at the World Court for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, leading large teams of talented international lawyers and others in successfully investigating and litigating cases involving major war criminals, including the UN’s case against the top Croat and Bosnian Croat political and military leadership.

In 2011 Ken returned to Denver and is the founder of Rights Consulting and Investigations, consults on international topics and projects, conducts training in international humanitarian law, international courts, and international criminal law and human rights enforcement. He teaches and lectures at the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Colorado Law School, the University of Denver Law School, Regis University and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Ken has been active in the Clan Scott Society for twenty years, and is currently the Society’s Corporate Secretary. He is the Vice-President of COSCA and on its’ Board of Trustees. Ken is fortunate to travel frequently in Scotland, loves the Borders and is a regular mounted participant in the Hawick Common Riding. He lives in Denver, is married to Candy and has two adult sons, Brady and Mark.