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### *Views of First Nation Elders on Memory Loss and Memory Care in Later Life*

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**Tuesday, November 17, 2009  
1:30pm - 2:30pm**

Dr. Hulko will present and discuss findings from recently completed exploratory research on First Nations' perspectives on dementia. This grounded theory project was conducted in collaboration with decision-makers from the Interior Health Authority and Elders from three Secwepemc [Shuswap] Nation communities. The findings indicate that memory loss and memory care in First Nation communities has changed over time (from pre-contact to post-residential schools), including the causes attributed to memory loss in later life, and community responses to those affected. "Bringing back traditional lifestyle" is seen as the way to prevent memory loss and promote culturally safe memory care.

The National Core for Neuroethics Conference Room  
UBC Hospital Room S117  
2211 Wesbrook Mall - Koerner Pavilion  
Vancouver, British Columbia

*About the speaker:* Wendy Hulko is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC and a Qualified Health Researcher with the Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia (CRPD) at UBC. She holds a Masters in Social Work and a PhD in Sociology and Social Policy and has worked in the field of aging since 1993. Dr. Hulko does cutting edge research on socio-cultural contexts of dementia and has been collaborating with Elders of the Secwepemc [Shuswap] Nation since 2007.

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