



Celebrated author to speak at UNBC

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Dancing with Dependency: Aboriginal Success through Self-reliance has caught the attention of people from all walks of life — scholars, politicians and even talk show host Oprah Winfrey – in the past few months.

Author Calvin Helin makes a presentation Monday, Jan. 21 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Canfor Theatre at UNBC. Sponsors for the special event include Books and Company, UNBC and Four Points Sheraton Hotel.

Helin is a member of the Tsimshian Nation in the northern B.C. community of Lax Kwalaams (Port Simpson.) He is the son of hereditary Chief, Smoogyit Nees Nuugan Noos (Barry Helin) and a practising lawyer and business person.

As well, he is founding director of B.C. Oil and Gas Association. Helin was chosen as one of the Top 40 Under 40 entrepreneurs in British Columbia by Vancouver based news publication, Business in Vancouver and was selected for Top 40 Under 40 national award sponsored by Financial Post magazine.

Helin has also made several appearances across Canada as keynote speaker.

The author has been booked for a number of television appearances in the New Year including a guest appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The importance for Prince George and surrounding area is the message Helin carries with him regarding addressing problems of poverty and disenfranchisement (both urban and remote) through education and aboriginal involvement in the economic development of our region.

This is particularly important given the growth that is occurring now in the North and relevant in terms of future workforce and ensuring we have the resources we need to sustain this growth.

Paul Martin, former 21st Prime Minister of Canada, MP for LaSalle-Emard said of the book:

“I read Dances with Dependency from cover to cover and could not put it down. What is important is not whether you agree with every point Calvin Helin makes but that he is raising issues which must be discussed if progress is to be achieved. Indeed, the fact this book has aroused such interest is a positive sign for the future.”

