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Alison Bourgeon is the Acting Director General of Science Policy at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Before joining CIHR, Alison held research positions at the University of Ottawa, the Ottawa Cancer Center, and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, including managing knowledge translation projects related to clinical decision making and patient decision aids. During her twelve years at CIHR, Alison has had various leadership positions, including Deputy Director of investigator-initiated and priority-driven programs, and Manager of Knowledge Translation Strategies. In her current position, Alison oversees the breadth of CIHR’s science policies and strategies, including work in the area of ethics, equity, research capacity, knowledge translation, open science, and health research data.

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Jonathan Dewar is the Executive Director at the First Nations Information Governance Centre in Ottawa. Jonathan has been recognized as a leader in healing and reconciliation and Indigenous health and wellbeing education, policy, and research for over a decade. He has published extensively on these subjects, with a specialization in the role of the arts in healing and reconciliation, and has lectured nationally and internationally. From 2012 to 2016, Jonathan served as the first Director of the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre and Special Advisor to the President at Algoma University, where he led research, education, curatorial, and community service programming, and taught courses in Anishinaabe Studies, Political Science, and Fine Arts. He continues to serve as a special advisor to the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association and is co-curating a historical Shingwauk Residential School exhibition at Algoma University under their direction. From 2007-2012, Jonathan served as Director of Research at the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, where he led the Foundation’s research and evaluation and knowledge translation efforts. Jonathan is of mixed heritage, descended from Huron-Wendat, French-, and Scottish-Canadian grandparents with an academic background in Indigenous arts and literatures and Indigenous studies. Jonathan’s research explores the roles of art and artist in truth, healing, and reconciliation. He completed a doctorate in the School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies at Carleton University. He holds an appointment as Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton University.
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