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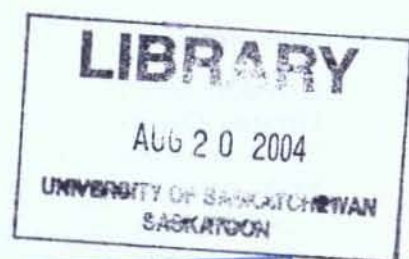
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## The Artist

The Tree of Life in Iroquois culture is a central theme of creation. It represents wisdom: in seeking wisdom of life, the Sky Woman of Iroquois culture examined the roots of the Tree and unlocked the door between the Spirit and this world. The Tree of Life also represents equality; in Aboriginal cultures, people and all of creation are equal parts.

Simon Brascoupé, Algonquin and Mohawk (1956– ) is a member of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (formerly River Desert Band), Maniwake, Quebec. Simon is a published author of a number of books and articles, and his art is represented in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C., the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and many corporate collections.

Simon has sketched and painted from an early age. He learned many of the traditions and stories reflected in his art from his maternal grandmother. Using the traditional pochoir (stencil) method, which goes back thousands of years, bright colours and inks are applied through his paper stencils. This direct technique is capable of producing vivid colours and images, and allows the artist room to vary images slightly or dramatically from one print to another.





## Editor's Comments

Welcome to the first issue of the new *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*. We have designed this journal to be of interest to practitioners and researchers as well as those who are teaching in the field. It is our intent to bring you articles from a wide variety of people who are working in this area to show you the range of activity and thought that is underway within Aboriginal communities.

The development of Aboriginal economies is an important step that requires thoughtful action. Many are saying that increased economic activity and the resultant wealth is one of the fundamental keys to the rebuilding of Aboriginal governments and the development of Aboriginal peoples' communities. Such an important activity deserves a close examination.

Each issue will be divided into 4 sections: *Learning from experience* will focus on the experiences and lessons from those who are working on a daily basis. Knowledge gained from experience serves as an effective complement to that based upon research. *Lessons from research* is intended to report on current research underway and to stimulate your own thinking about the work that you do. *Book Reviews* reviews the latest works on economic development. And finally, *The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples* explores, examines and analyses the report and research of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

The journal will come out twice a year: a fall/winter issue and a spring/summer issue. We hope that you will find it interesting and provocative.

David R. Newhouse  
General Editor