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*University of Sudbury, Newbery Lecture Series: Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo to speak on "Challenges and Opportunities in First Nations Education"*

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Place: Laurentian University, West Residence (W-132)

Time: 7 PM to 9 PM

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM, the University of Sudbury will host Shawn Atleo is the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. The theme for Chief Atleo's discussion that evening will be "Challenge and Opportunities in First Nations Education."

Chief Atleo was elected Nation Chief of the AFN on July 23, 2009. National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is also a Hereditary Chief from the Ahousaht First Nation.

Shawn graduated in 2003 with a Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change from the University of Technology, Sydney Australia (in partnership with University of British Columbia, University of the Western Cape South Africa, and University of Linkoping Sweden).

The Rev. Dr. James Edward Newbery (1909-2004) was a founder and professor of Native Studies at the University of Sudbury. Consistent with this vision of spirituality as central to Native Studies and the quest for peace, social justice and environmental balance, the Newbery Lectures are a forum for applying Native wisdom to the challenges of restoring harmony in all our relations.

Chief Shawn Atleo's lecture is open to the public. For further information, please contact either Mike Hankard at 705-673-5661, ext. 301, or Mary Recollet at 705-673-5661, ext. 225 or [mrecollet@usudbury.ca](mailto:mrecollet@usudbury.ca).