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### **JANET DERRICK BIOGRAPHY**

Jann trained first as a teacher then as a Counselling Psychologist with a specialty in Relationship and Family Therapy. She is a Registered Family Therapist and Supervisor Mentor in the Canadian Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, as well as a member of the Canadian Psychological Association. Jann is of Irish, English and Haudensaunee/Mohawk heritage. She is the mother of three children and the Dotah/grandmother of nine.

She has been in practice for 40 years in Vancouver and the British Columbia Interior. Jann has taught in all parts of Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia on topics pertaining to relationships, Indigenous Historical Trauma, Lateral Violence/Lateral Kindness, Survivorship and Wellness, and two worldviews ~ “*The Box and the Circle*”. Jann’s passion is the healing of Indigenous families, and sharing knowledge of Indigenous family systems.

She did pioneering therapy work with residential school survivors in Lytton, B.C. in the 1980's and was part of the groundbreaking court case of St. Georges Residential School and the Anglican Church.

Jann served as clinical supervisor at Round Lake Treatment Centre where she also trained Drug and Alcohol counsellors and provided therapy in the pioneering Trauma Recovery Program for Aboriginal trauma.

In 1998 she facilitated a national Aboriginal Focus Group that created a Code of Ethics for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation and the community projects it funded.

She has published professionally on *The Box and the Circle* and *Aboriginal Family Systems*, as well as contributing to books such as The Dispossessed by Geoffrey York, Voices of Colour – First Person Accounts of Ethnic Minority Therapists ed. Rastogi and Wieling, and Multicultural Couple Therapy ed. Rastogi and Thomas. Her research Kahwà:tsire: Indigenous Families in a Family Therapy Practice with the Indigenous Worldview as the Foundation was published online in June 2017. Jann contributed to The Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy, 2020, Indigenous Families in Canada, Wiley Publishers as well as multiple Journal publications.

She has served as a director on the Board of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. She was part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada. She worked with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commission, as well as Strategic Priorities of the Ministry of Children and Family Development in BC. Jann was awarded the John Banmen Award for Outstanding Contribution to Family Therapy in B.C. in 2003.