Importance of Traditional Land Use and Occupancy Mapping for First Nation planning and development.

Riddell Faculty Seminar Presents:

Terry Tobias, author of *Living Proof* and *Chief Kerry’s Moose*

Time: May 9th, 1:00-2:30 pm
Room: Cross Common Room, 108 St John’s College

*Terry Tobias* sees maps as a critical way to tell the story of First Nation communities lives and ancestral history. Tobias is the author of Living Proof, which won a prestigious award from the Alcuin Society, for being the best designed reference book in Canada. Ian Gill, president of Ecotrust Canada said in an e-mail. “More importantly, it is going to be the basis for redrawing the map of Canada [and Australia] I believe, and will be a tremendous aid to first nations that are trying to articulate a more conservation-based vision for their lands.” Thomas Berger, one of B.C.’s leading legal figures and former head of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline inquiry, described Living Proof as a “magnificent object.” In a foreword to the book, he says governments have long used maps to assert control over land occupied by aboriginal people, but now native groups are using modern cartography for their own purposes.