



## **SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**Honorary Degree Citations**  
**The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,**  
**conferred on Dr. Aimee August**  
**Friday, October 9, 1992**

It is my great privilege, Madam Chancellor, to present to you Aimee August, tradition-bearer, teacher and Shuswap elder. Respected advisor in her home community of Neskonlith, Aimee August passes on the knowledge of her people to the present generation; her gift, the treasure of heritage revealed and lineage explained.

When power moves, it moves in a circle from childhood to childhood. Aimee August's childhood was unique among native children of her generation, many spending their formative years at residential schools. Believed incurably ill, Aimee returned to Neskonlith at age eleven where family medicine cured her and the tribal elders undertook her education. Unable to pass information to their own children and grandchildren