



9th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum
NCAI Mid-Year Session
Anchorage, Alaska

Sunday, June 8th, 2014

PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING

8:00am-noon

Data Advocacy: Creating a Strategic Network of Policy Researchers
Tikahtnu D – Dena'ina Center

This meeting seeks to develop goals for the NCAI Policy Research Center and partners related to: 1) using research to advance legislative policy; and 2) shaping a national data strategy across Indian country. This is an open meeting for all interested in discussing the role of data infrastructure and development in advancing tribal sovereignty. There will be a range of presentations to inform the broader discussion we will have following the presentations.

Data Driven Nation Building

Jennifer Lee Schultz & Stephanie Carroll Rainie, University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute

Tribal College & University Student Funding, Persistence and Educational Outcomes What is the Impact of Scholarship Funding on Student Persistence?

David Sanders & Dorothy Aguilera Black Bear, American Indian College Fund

Process Innovations in Tribal Home Visiting Programs: Using Program Data to Benefit and Support Tribal Priorities

Julie Morales (Tribal Home Visiting Evaluation Institute), Cyndi Anderson & Jennifer Stevens (White Earth Band of Chippewa), Dr. Marc Bolan & Beth Kelton (Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe)

Protecting California Tribes' Traditional and Subsistence Use of Fish
Fraser Shilling & Student, University of California, Davis

12:00:1:00pm

Lunch Recess

1:00-4:00pm

NCAI Policy Research Center Partner's Meeting
Tikahtnu D – Dena'ina Center

This meeting is open for all working on issues related to research development and data use, especially those partners of the NCAI Policy Research Center. We will continue some of the discussion from the earlier data advocacy meeting, as well as discussions begun at the Reno Mid-Year Conference. Specifically, we will workshop 3-5 challenging scenarios related to tribal research and data development.

Tuesday, June 10th, 2014 TRIBAL LEADER/SCHOLAR FORUM

8:45-9:00am Moving Policy & Innovation through Tribal Research
Malia Villegas, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

General Assembly: Can Strategic Tribal Investments Reduce Poverty & Result in Wellness?

9:00-9:05am “More than that” Video

9:05-9:35am NUKA Model of Care: Alaska Natives Investing in Health
Katherine Gottlieb, President, Southcentral Foundation

9:35-10:05am Parents’ Incomes and Children’s Outcomes: A Quasi-Experiment
Randall Akee, UCLA Department of Public Policy and American Indian Studies

10:05-10:35am Old and New Horizons of Innovation in American Indian Economic Development
Johnathan Taylor, Taylor Policy Group & Katherine Spilde, San Diego State University

10:35-10:50am Tribal Leader Response 1

10:50-11:05am Tribal Leader Response 2

11:05am-noon Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00-1:30 Poster Session & Lunch Break

Engaging the Tribal Community in Public Health Legal Preparedness to Combat Infectious Disease
Tina Batra Hershey, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health

By Force or By Choice: Exploring Contemporary Sex Trafficking of Native Peoples
April D.J. Petillo, University of Arizona

Tribal Governance and Collaborative Networks
Audrey Gugel, Evergreen State College

Gender and Employment in Native Nations in the 1990s
Jennifer Lee Schultz & Stephanie Carroll Rainie, University of Arizona’s Native Nations Institute

1:30-4:00pm **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Water Ways: Using Knowledge to Create Effective Fisheries and Water Management Policy
Kahtnu 2 – Dena’ina Center

This session will highlight new research and efforts by tribal nations to maintain cultural and traditional uses of fish, protect water quality, and exercise sovereignty over groundwater resources. Questions of jurisdiction, policy, environmental development, and rights will be discussed, with a goal of generating policy solutions and connecting tribal efforts.

Moderator: Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation, *invited*

Presentations:

Sucking the Life Out of Reservations: How Groundwater Policy Impacts Tribes and What Tribes Might Do About It

Daniel Cordalis, University of Colorado, Boulder

California Tribes Pursue Improved Water-Related Practices and Policies

Paula Britton, Irenia Quitiquit, Justin Nalder, Sarah Ryan & Fraser Shilling

Tribal Water Modernization and Water Use

James Temte, National Tribal Water Center

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, *invited*

Help Wanted: Seeking a Jobs Agenda for Indian Country

Tikahtnu B – Dena'ina Center

In this working session, participants will hear a brief presentation with data about the status of American Indian and Alaska Native employment, some unique challenges, and job needs facing tribal communities. Following the presentation, participants will be invited to contribute to a roundtable discussion to set priorities and create a jobs agenda for Indian Country.

Moderator: Jacqueline Johnson Pata, NCAI

Facilitators:

Chairman David Archambault II, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, *invited*

President Gloria O'Neill, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, *invited*

Innovations in Health Policy: Tribal Communities Leading the Way

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Tribal leaders are exercising sovereignty by advancing health care initiatives that address the needs of their people. This session will feature a range of efforts led by tribal communities to strengthen health care and health outcomes using policy research. The goals are to develop tribal health connections and to identify culturally-based innovations that can assist tribal leaders in improving community health.

Moderator: President Katherine Gottlieb

The Decay of Indian Self-Determination and American Indian Alaska Native Oral Health

Joaquin Ray Gallegos & Dr. Terry Batliner, Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Tribal Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting: Program Adaptations and Innovations in Program Evaluation

Dr. Julie Morales, Dr. Corrie Whitmore & Dr. Vanessa Hiratsuka, Tribal Home Visiting Evaluation Institute & Southcentral Foundation

Creating a Culture of Coverage

Roxane Spruce Bly, Native American Professional Parent Resources, Inc.

Taking Charge: How Community Energy is Lighting the Way in Indian Country

Tikahtnu A – Dena'ina Center

Recognizing that energy access can be costly and limited in Indian Country, tribal communities are taking charge. In this exciting panel, presenters will share data about trends in residential energy consumption, discuss innovative projects emerging from Alaska Native Village cooperatives, and identify key policy levers to generate efficient, low-cost, and sustainable energy in tribal communities across the nation.

Moderator: Jodi Mitchell

Presenter Invitations Pending, 4/14/2014

Educational Leadership: What Will it Take to Grow Our Own?

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In this session, participants will consider how to grow our own educational leaders in tribal communities. What are the roles and responsibilities of institutions like tribal colleges and universities and tribal governments in developing educational leaders? What are some insights and lessons from successful initiatives? And how can tribal leaders, policy-makers, and educators come together to build a sustainable movement for producing leaders in education?

Moderator: Chairman Aaron Payment, *invited*

Culture, Language, and Place-Based Education at Tribal Colleges and Universities

David Sanders & Dorothy Aguilera Black Bear, American Indian College Fund

Defining High-Quality Education Through the Eyes of California Tribal Governments

Christie Michelle Poitra, Michigan State University College of Education, *invited*

Carol Wren, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, *invited*

Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson, University of Alaska Southeast, *invited*

What Can I Eat Today? Tribal Food Security and Subsistence in an Era of Globalization

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Many tribal communities face high costs and large distances to access healthy foods – earning many the designation of ‘food deserts’. Environmental change also threatens access to traditional foods, healthy foods, and creates many challenges for subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering. Some research also suggests that public safety, particularly for Native youth and families, impacts food security and community planning for sustainable and healthy food access. This session will explore trends in the data to promote a better understanding of tribal food security, as well as present some innovative approaches to addressing food security and subsistence issues.

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