



1st Annual
**INDIGENOUS CLIMATE
JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM**

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2015



**LONGHOUSE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL CENTER,
THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE,
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

STUDENT RESEARCH DAY (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Facilitator: Michael Lane

Laura Grabhorn, Longhouse Assistant Director, Welcome to Longhouse (10:00-10:15)

Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project,

Symposium Planning Committee, Overview (10:15-10:30)

Tribal Community Resilience and Food Sovereignty (10:30-12:30)

Panel opens with short videos by tribal college students, as part of the NASA / PBS project

“Where Words Touch the Earth”: <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/nasawords>

Pah-tu Pitt (MES graduate, Warm Springs Environmental Specialist and Education Coordinator),
Addressing Food Sovereignty through Access to Wi'wnu (Huckleberries): A Case Study
of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Candace Penn (Alumni, Quileute/Squaxin I.) and Kezia Wentworth (Undergraduate, Squaxin I.),
The Squaxin Island Community Garden Project.

Brittany Reed (Tribal MPA), Food Sovereignty.

Fossil Fuels and Solidarity (1:30-4:00)

Freddie Lane (Lummi), introducing and discussing his 66-minute documentary

Our Sacred Obligation: The 2014 Lummi Totem Pole Journey

Matthew Fuller (MES), Lummi Totem Pole Journey.

Graham Clumpner (MES), Shell No! Actions and Alliances.

EVENING KEYNOTE (7:00-9:30)

Nisqually Canoe Family drum group, Welcome. (7:00-7:15)

Don McCloud, Hanford McCloud, Joyce McCloud

Introduction: Kezia Wentworth (Squaxin Island), Native Student Alliance (7:15-7:30)

Keynote by Tom B. K. Goldtooth (7:30 -9:30 pm)

Indigenous Environmental Network Executive Director, on

“The Paris Climate Accord: Will it be a Crime Against Humanity and Mother Earth?”

Facilitator: Shangrila Joshi Wynn

(Livestreamed keynote will be followed by discussion; please step quietly on bleachers)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FOSSIL FUEL CONNECTIONS PANEL (10:00 - 12:30)

Tribal voices from the front and back ends of the oil & coal train routes

Facilitator: Zoltán Grossman

Evergreen President George Bridges, Welcome.

Fawn Sharp, President of Quinault Indian Nation and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), on the three proposed Grays Harbor oil terminals.

Kandi Mossett, Fort Berthold tribal member; Indigenous Environmental Network, on oil fracking in North Dakota (via skype)

Jeremiah “Jay” Julius, Lummi Nation Councilmember, on the proposed Cherry Point coal terminal.

Adriann Killsnight, Northern Cheyenne tribal member, Ecoregional Ethnographic Assessment Project, on planned Otter Creek coal mine & Tongue River Railroad in SE Montana.

WORKSHOPS on what we can do (1:30– 5:00 pm)

SESSION 1 (1:30-2:55)

Responding to coal terminals and trains

Longhouse 1007 A & B (large room)

Jay Julius and Adriann Killsnight, with Beth Doglio (Power Past Coal)

Facilitator: Karen Gaul

Tribal Community Resilience and Youth Involvement

Cedar Room

Adam Osbekoff (Aleut), Snoqualmie Tribe Cultural Resource Compliance Manager

Freddie Lane (Lummi)

Facilitator: Zoltán Grossman

SESSION 2 (3:05-4:30)

Responding to oil terminals and trains

Longhouse 1007 A & B (large room)

Kandi Mossett, with Arnie Martin and Jude Armstrong (Citizens for a Clean Harbor)

Facilitator: Shangrila Joshi Wynn

Indigenous Environmental Network Climate Justice Campaign

Cedar Room

Tom Goldtooth, Executive Director

Facilitator: Michael Lane

REPORTS & NEXT STEPS (4:30-5:00)

Facilitator: Karen Gaul

KEYNOTE AND PANELISTS

Tom B. K. Goldtooth (Mato Awanyankapi) is executive director of the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), based in Bemidji, Minnesota. He is Diné (Navajo) and Dakota (Sioux). From a Native student leader in 1971 at Arizona State University to a military tour in the US Army to developing Native programs in social services, Tom has applied his professional academic training in social work practice (from Pacific Lutheran University) to build sustainable community development. His environmental justice leadership in the First National People of Color Environmental Justice Leadership Summit in 1991 in Washington D.C. has continued to the UN's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2009 and is a member of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change that operates as the Indigenous caucus within the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He co-produced an award-winning documentary film, *Drumbeat for Mother Earth*, which addresses the affects of bio-accumulative chemicals on Indigenous peoples.

Fawn Sharp has been the President of the Quinault Indian Nation since 2006, and was reelected to a fourth term in 2015. She is an attorney with an academic background in Criminal Justice. She holds an advanced certificate in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University. President Sharp formerly served as Managing Attorney and Lead Counsel for the Quinault government, and Associate Judge and as an Administrative Law Judge for the Washington State Department of Revenue Tax Appeals Division. While President of Quinault, Ms. Sharp was elected by the 57-member government organization, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) as their President in 2011, and serves as the Northwest Regional Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). She completed two years of service as Chairman of the US Department of the Interior Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform.

Kandi Mossett is Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara from the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota. She graduated from the University of North Dakota's Earth Systems Science and Policy Program in 2006. She began working for the Indigenous Environmental Network as the Tribal Campus Climate Challenge organizer in 2007, engaging with more than 30 tribal colleges to support initiatives within tribal colleges that connect students to environmental justice and climate justice issues in their communities in line with Indigenous traditional knowledge and belief systems. She also served as IEN's Native Energy & Climate Campaign Organizer.

Jeremiah "Jay" Julius (Sle-lh'x elten) is an Officer (Secretary) of the governing body of the Lummi Indian Business Council, the governing body of the Lummi Nation. He was instrumental in moving the Lummi Nation to a firm "No" position regarding the proposed coal terminal at Cherry Point (Xwe'chi'eXen). He was later appointed leader of Xwe'chi'eXen Operational Team that is responsible for protecting Xwe'chi'eXen and the surrounding waters. As a fisherman and crabber, he understands the importance of fishing for the way of life and heritage of the Lummi people. He has been a successful private entrepreneur and accumulated a wealth of business experience. He currently shares his passion for business, self-improvement, and leadership through his Life Coaching practice.

Adriann Killsnight (He'heenóhká'e), is a Northern Cheyenne tribal member and owner of Blackbirdwoman Contracting & Environmental Consulting, in Lame Deer, Montana. Presently, Mrs. Killsnight is the Technical Coordinator for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's Ecoregional Ethnographic Assessment Project, a collaborative effort with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Chief Dull Knife College, and US Bureau of Land Management. Mrs. Killsnight received her M.S. in Resource Management from Central Washington University, and her B.A. in Environmental Studies from Montana State University.

CLIMATE JUSTICE MARCH IN SEATTLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Not Another Haiyan: Climate Justice Now!

11:00 am March from the Food Forest on Beacon Hill - Seattle's historically Filipino community, into Georgetown, site of some of Seattle's worst environmental injustices and the staging grounds for fossil fuel exports. *Wear Blue*. March will be 1.3 miles (mostly downhill); a bus will be provided for those unable to walk. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1651375285148235/>

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Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project

Founded by the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute (NIARI), The Evergreen State College, 2006

Project website: <http://academic.evergreen.edu/g/grossmaz/climate.html>

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Symposium facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1740884809472858>

Asserting Native Resilience: Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Face the Climate Crisis

Anthology edited by Zoltán Grossman and Alan Parker; Introduction by Billy Frank, Jr. (Oregon State University Press, 2012)

<http://osupress.oregonstate.edu/book/asserting-native-resilience>

We acknowledge that The Evergreen State College is on the ceded territory of the Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes (Squaxin Island, Nisqually, Puyallup) and that as a state institution, we have a responsibility and obligation to engage and consult with Washington tribal nations in our educational work, in keeping with the 1989 Centennial Accord and 1999 New Millennium Agreement.

INDIGENOUS CLIMATE JUSTICE LINKS

Bakken Debate	http://bakkendebate.blogspot.com
Bakken Watch	http://bakkenwatch.blogspot.com
Climate Change & Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project (Evergreen)	http://academic.evergreen.edu/g/grossmaz/climate.html
Campus Climate Challenge	http://climatechallenge.org
Citizens for a Clean Harbor (Grays Harbor)	http://cleanharbor.org & http://cleanharbor.blogspot.com
Climate Impacts Group (UW)	http://cses.washington.edu/cig
Climate Solutions	http://www.climatesolutions.org
Coast Salish Gathering	http://www.coastsalishgathering.com
Columbia River InterTribal Fish Commission	http://www.critfc.org
Columbia Riverkeeper	http://columbiariverkeeper.org
Cowboy Indian Alliance	http://rejectandprotect.org & http://boldnebraska.org
Dot-111 Reader on oil trains	http://dot111.info
Earth Justice	http://www.earthjustice.org
First Stewards	http://www.firststewards.org
Forest Ethics: Stop Oil Trains	http://www.forestethics.org/stop-oil-trains
Fort Berthold Protectors of Water & Earth Rights (POWER)	https://www.facebook.com/ThisisMandaree/posts/515834981897515
Global Climate Change Impacts in the U.S.	http://www.globalchange.gov
Honor the Earth	http://www.honorearth.org
Idle No More Canada	http://www.idlenomore.ca/
Idle No More Washington	https://www.facebook.com/Idle-No-More-Washington-467317416649876
Indian Country Today	http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com
Indigenous Environmental Network	http://www.ienearth.org
IEN-Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign	https://www.facebook.com/groups/215875949026/
Int'l. Institute for Indigenous Resource Mgt.	http://www.iiirm.org
Intertribal Council on Utility Policy	http://www.intertribalcoup.org
Lummi Nation	http://www.lummi-nsn.org
Lummi Totem Pole Journey	http://totempolejourney.com
Native Peoples/Native Homelands report	http://neptune.gsfc.nasa.gov/uploads/images_db/NPNH-Report-No-Blanks.pdf
No Coal Trains through South Sound	https://www.facebook.com/groups/407258495986247/
Northern Plains Resource Council	http://www.northernplains.org
Northwest Energy Coalition	http://www.nwenergy.org
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission	http://www.nwifc.org
Oil Change International	http://priceofoil.org/
Oil Train Blast Zone	http://explosive-crude-by-rail.org/
Olympia Confronting the Climate Crisis	http://www.olympiafor.org/Climate_Crisis.html & https://www.facebook.com/OlympiaCCC
Olympia Port Fracking Resistance	https://olympiapfr.wordpress.com
PacificNW Tribal Climate Change Network	http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/network
Power Past Coal	http://www.powerpastcoal.org
Protect Whatcom	http://protectwhatcom.org
Quinault Indian Nation	http://www.quinaultindiannation.com
Quinault Nation Environmental Defense	https://www.facebook.com/QINDefense
Resources for Sustainable Communities	http://www.re-sources.org
Rising Tide	https://risingtidenorthamerica.org
Rising Voices	https://www.mmm.ucar.edu/rising-voices-collaborative-science-climate-solutions
Shell No!	http://shellnodotorg.tumblr.com
Sightline Institute reports	http://www.sightline.org
Stand Up to Oil	http://www.standuptooil.org
Sustainable Northwest	http://www.sustainablenorthwest.org
Swinomish Climate Change Initiative	http://www.swinomish-nsn.gov/climate_change/project/project.html
Tar Sands Action	http://tarsandsaction.org
Tar Sands Action Seattle	https://www.facebook.com/TarSandsActionSeattle
350 global climate movement	http://www.350.org
Tribes and Climate Change (NAU)	http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/
Voices of Coal	http://opb-mini-sites.s3.amazonaws.com/coalvoices/index.html
Washington Backbone Campaign	http://www.backbonecampaign.org
Wildlife Promise: Northern Cheyenne	http://blog.nwf.org/tags/northern-cheyenne-tribe

