

# LAND ~ WATER ~ LIFE



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## Tribal Governance Symposium

A forum to build knowledge, understanding, and relationships  
for the advancement of Tribal Governance.

November 20, 21 & 22, 2017

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Wood Center Ballroom, Fairbanks, Alaska

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TRIBAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

University of Alaska Fairbanks

First Alaskans  Institute

# First Alaskans Institute

## *Our Agreements:*

In Every Chair, a Leader

Speak to be Understood; Listen to Understand

Be Present; Be Engaged

Value Our Time Together

Safe Space for Meaningful Conversation

Challenges → Solutions

Takest Thou Hats Off

Our Value of Humor Helps Us

We are Responsible for Our Experience

Take Care of Yourself; Take Care of Each Other

Questions?

*Please see a host*

## Che Wilson

Che Wilson was raised as part of a large extended whānau (family) at the foothills of Mount Ruapehu and has been involved in tribal activities and leadership from a young age.

Che is currently self-employed and is the Chief Negotiator for his iwi Ngāti Rangī to settlement historical grievances with the NZ government.

Che is also a board member on Ātihaū-Whanganui Incorporation that produces red meat, dairy, fibre and manuka honey and is the

chair of Te Reo-o Whanganui, a board focused on the revitalization of the Whanganui dialect.

He has chaired his iwi rūnanga (tribal council) and iwi trust and been a member of several other boards including government and philanthropic appointments. Che has also worked for other tribes to help him take the learning back for his own people, he was part of the first delegation of Te Hono Movement in 2013 to Stanford University and been on a number of Ministerial and private sector delegations aboard.

Che will be sharing the journey for his peoples of the Whanganui and Whangaehu rivers. The Whanganui river is the first river ever to be given legal personality after over a century of various legal actions and the Whangaehu is the neighboring catchment that has recently been given Statutory Recognition.

Che is married to Riria Te Kanawa and they have two children: Hinerauhama and Te Kanawa. They currently live in Wellington and will be moving to Hamilton to be closer to Riria's tribes.

## Christina Salmon-Bringhurst

Christina Salmon-Bringhurst is currently the manager of Iliaska Environmental LLC. She sits on the Lake and Peninsula Borough

Assembly as a member and also manages Igiugig Native Corporation's Land Use program. Christina is an active member of the Igiugig Village Council and Igiugig Native Corporation. She enjoys subsistence activities, is an environmental activist and a mother of three, almost four.



## AlexAnna Salmon

AlexAnna Salmon was raised in the Village of Igiugig, and is Yup'ik and Aleut. She is the granddaughter of John and Mary Olympic, and the second oldest of Dan and Julia Salmon. She has a dual Bachelor's

degree in Native American Studies and Anthropology from Dartmouth College and currently works for the Igiugig Tribal Village

Council as President and Project Director for an ANA language preservation and maintenance grant. She also serves as a member of the Igiugig Native Corporation board, a Commissioner on the Lake and Peninsula Borough Planning Commission, and helps to manage several local businesses. She is raising six children in Igiugig, and loves putting up fish, doing cultural activities with elders and youth, and traveling the world.



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MONDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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8 am	Shared Breakfast
9 am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wilson Justin, <i>Ati'xebray</i>, Headwaters People Chistochina, Copper River, Nabesna, Chisana, White River and Sanford River</li><li>• Evon Peter, <i>Gwich'in</i>, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community, and Native Education</li></ul>
9:30 am	Team Welcome and Dialogue Agreements
9:45 am	Keynote with Question and Answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Che Wilson Ngāti Rangī, Chief Negotiator</li></ul>
10:45 am	<b>Catalyzing Conversation: Tribal Governance with Dialogue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Host: Liz La quen náay Kat Saas Medicine Crow, Haida/Tlingit, President/CEO, First Alaskans Institute</li><li>• Shannon Hardy, <i>Gwich'in</i>, Tribal Court Judge, <i>Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in</i> Tribal Government</li><li>• Che Wilson Ngāti Rangī, Chief Negotiator</li><li>• Richard Chalyee Éesh Peterson, Tlingit/Kaagwaantaan Clan, President, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska</li></ul>
12 pm	Shared Lunch with Storytelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Williams Jr., <i>Gwich'in</i>, Language and Cultural Bearer</li></ul>
1 pm	<b>Catalyzing Conversation: Indigenous Stewardship with Dialogue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Host: Carrie Stevens, Faculty, Tribal Management, UAF</li><li>• Crystal Leonetti, <i>Yup'ik</i>, Alaska Native Affairs Specialist, US Fish and Wildlife Service</li><li>• Brooke Wright, <i>Koyukon</i>, Chair, Yukon River Inter Tribal Fish Commission</li><li>• Qaiyaan Harcharek, <i>Iñupiaq</i>, Subsistence Research Coordinator, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management</li><li>• Delbert Pungowiyi, St. Lawrence Island Siberian <i>Yupik</i>, President, Native Village of Savoonga</li></ul>
4 pm	Sharing Our Key Learning
4:30 pm	Elder Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bob Sam, Tlingit, Elder</li></ul>
6:30 pm	Sharing Reception

Sharing Reception – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**TIES THAT BIND:** Sharing our foods, our stories, our songs, our cultures.

We welcome you to gather and share at the Morris Thompson Culture and Visitor Center. Moose Soup, Fry Bread, Berries, Salmon Spread, Story telling, Singing, Drumming, Cultural exhibits.

## TUESDAY, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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- 8 am Shared Breakfast
- 9 am Welcome
- Dan White, UAF Chancellor
  - Fred Philip President, Yup'ik, Native Village of Kwigillingok
- 9:30 am Keynote with Question and Answer
- AlexAnna Salmon, Yup'ik/Aleut, President, Igiugig Tribal Village Council
  - Christina Salmon, Yup'ik/Aleut, Manager, Alaska Environmental LLC
- 10:30 am **Catalyzing Conversation: Advocacy & Advancement of Our Ways of Life with Dialogue**
- Host: Jessica Black, Gwich'in, Faculty, Tribal Management/Department of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development, UAF
  - Vemae Anagnabogok, Iñupiat, Cultural Sustainability Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska
  - Carolina Behe, Seri (Indigenous Peoples of Mexico), Indigenous Knowledge/Science Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska
  - Ben Stevens, Dineet Hut'anna, Hunting & Fishing Taskforce Director, Tanana Chiefs Conference
  - Even Peter, Gwich'in, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community, and Native Education
- 12 pm Shared Lunch with Storytelling
- Luke Titus, Koyukon, Elder
- 1 pm **Catalyzing Conversation: Being Good Relatives with Dialogue**
- Host: Andrea Akail'eq Sanders, Yup'ik, Alaska Native Policy Center Director, First Alaskans Institute
  - Melissa Borton, Alutiq, Tribal Administrator, Native Village of Afognak
  - Michelle Anderson, Ułiziyu (Caribou), President, Ahtna, Inc.
  - Karen Linnell, Naltsine (Sky)/Was'ineidi (Eagle Brown Bear), Executive Director, Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission
  - Loren Peterson, Yup'ik, President/CEO, Azachorok, Inc. and Azachorok Contract Services, LLC
- 4 pm Sharing Our Key Learning
- 4:30 pm Elder Closing
- Paul Williams, Sr., Gwich'in, Traditional Chief of Beaver

## WEDNESDAY, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

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- 8 am Shared Breakfast
- 9:00 am Elder Opening
- Anna Frank, Koyukon, Elder
- 9:15 am Work Session & Dialogue: Bridge Building, Our Path Forward
- 11 am Elder Closing
- Wilson Justin, Alts'etnay, Headwaters People Chistochina, Copper River, Nabesna, Chisana, White River and Sanford River

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KEY LEARNING

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Eskimo Food Cache at Hopedale Bay, Alaska - Edward S. Curtis, 1920

# INDIGENOUS SELF-GOVERNANCE CONTINUUM

## INDIGENOUS SELF-GOVERNANCE **LIVING YOUR LIFE**

Indigenous people hold all responsibility & authority in fish, wildlife, & land stewardship. Laws, regulations, management functions, & decisions made by indigenous people & heard in indigenous judicial systems. **BASED UPON TRADITIONAL VALUES and PRINCIPLES.**

## INDIGENOUS MANAGEMENT

Management by indigenous peoples within an external governmental legal framework.

## CO-MANAGEMENT

A fair sharing of the responsibility & authority for managing fish, wildlife, or lands as mutually negotiated, defined & agreed by indigenous peoples & external government.

## MANAGEMENT BOARDS

Indigenous people have a voice in planning & decision-making.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Indigenous views begin to impact agenda, issues, & external decision-making.

## CONSULTATION

Indigenous views & knowledge shared prior to external decision-making.

## EXTERNAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL

External government holds all responsibility & authority in fish, wildlife, & land management. Laws, regulations, management functions, & decisions made by governments & heard in governmental judicial systems. **BASED UPON WESTERN VALUES and PRINCIPLES.**

INDIGENOUS RESPONSIBILITY & AUTHORITY

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