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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
http://tribalmgmt.uaf.edu/gov17

First Alaskans Institute
Tribal Management Program
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
Takeest 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 Rangi to settlement historical grievances with the NZ government.

Che is also a board member on Ātihau-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 runanga (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: Hinerauhamos 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 20th, 2017

8 am  Shared Breakfast

9 am  Welcome
  • Wilson Justin, At'a'etnay, Headwaters People Chistochina, Copper River, Nabesna, Chisana, White River and Sanford River
  • Evin Peter, Gwich'in, UAF Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community, and Native Education

9:30 am  Team Welcome and Dialogue Agreements

9:45 am  Keynote with Question and Answer
  • Che Wilson Ngāti Rangi, Chief Negotiator

10:45 am  Catalyzing Conversation: Tribal Governance with Dialogue
  • Host: Liz La quen nāy Kat Saas Medicine Crow, Haida/Tlingit, President/CEO, First Alaskans Institute
  • Shannon Hardy, Gwich'in, Tribal Court Judge, Gwichyaag Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government
  • Che Wilson Ngāti Rangi, Chief Negotiator
  • Richard Chalyee Éesh Peterson, Tlingit/Kaagwaantaan Clan, President, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

12 pm  Shared Lunch with Storytelling
  • Paul Williams Jr., Gwich'in, Language and Cultural Bearer

1 pm  Catalyzing Conversation: Indigenous Stewardship with Dialogue
  • Host: Carrie Stevens, Faculty, Tribal Management, UAF
  • Crystal Leonetti, Yup'ik, Alaska Native Affairs Specialist, US Fish and Wildlife Service
  • Brooke Wright, Koyukon, Chair, Yukon River Inter Tribal Fish Commission
  • Qaiyaan Harcharek, Ilulissat, Subsistence Research Coordinator, North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management
  • Delbert Pungowiyi, St. Lawrence Island Siberian Yup'ik, President, Native Village of Savoonga

4 pm  Sharing Our Key Learning

4:30 pm  Elder Closing
  • Bob Sam, Tlingit, Elder

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.
TUESDAY, November 21st, 2017

8 am  Shared Breakfast
9 am  Welcome
  •  Dan White, UAF Chancellor
  •  Fred Philip, President, Yup’ik, Native Village of Kwillingok
9:30 am  Keynote with Question and Answer
  •  Alex Anna, Salmon, Yup’ik/Aleut, President, Igiugig Tribal Village Council
  •  Christina Salmon, Yup’ik/Aleut, Manager, Ilalka 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
  •  Verne Anngnaaq, Iliq, Cultural Sustainability Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska
  •  Carolina Behe, Seri (Indigenous Peoples of Mexico), Indigenous Knowledge/Science Advisor, Inuit Circumpolar Council Alaska
  •  Ben Stevens, Dinnae 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 Akall’eq Sanders, Yup’ik, Alaska Native Policy Center Director, First Alaskans Institute
  •  Melissa Boston, Alutiq, Tribal Administrator, Native Village of Afognak
  •  Michelle Anderson, Udze’yu (Canibou), President, Ahtna, Inc.
  •  Karen Linnett, Naats’ine (Sky/Was’ine’edii (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 22nd, 2017

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, Ahts’et’ne’ay, Headwaters People Chistochina, Copper River, Nabelna, Chisana, White River and Sanford River
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.

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