National Congress of American Indians

2018 MID YEAR CONFERENCE & MARKETPLACE

AGENDA

KANSAS CITY, MO | JUNE 3 - 6

LIGHTING THE WAY:
TRIBES LEADING CHANGE

#NCAIMY18
Sunday, June 3

8:30-4:00  
**Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**  
*Ballroom Foyer*

8:30-12:00  
**NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women**  
*Room: Mary Lou Williams AB*  
The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This meeting will focus on updates regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and will also discuss strategy surrounding continued advocacy efforts including protecting our Alaska Native sisters, international women’s issues, and funding for critical programs.

8:30-4:00  
**NCAI Pre Conference Data Institute**  
*Room: Colonial Ballroom*  
Each year, the NCAI Policy Research Center (PRC) creates a forum for its research and advocacy partners to provide tools and resources for tribes as they use data to inform policy in their local, regional and national leadership. This year’s focus is on increasing tribal data capacity and strengthening tribal-academic research partnerships.  

Moderator:  
Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

9:00-12:00  
**Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus**  
*Room: Bennie Moten B*  
The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Caucus will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

9:00-12:00  
**TANF Task Force**  
*Room: Bennie Moten A*  
The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss Administrative and legislative priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs at the tribal level. The TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes’ authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.

9:00-12:00  
**Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force**  
*Room: Andy Kirk AB*  
At NCAI’s 2016 Annual Convention, a session on the opioid epidemic stirred discussion among tribal leaders that underscored the importance of continually addressing substance abuse issues.

9:00-1:00  
**U.S. Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Education Joint Tribal Listening Session***  
*Room: Julia Lee AB*  
The Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Education are conducting a joint tribal listening

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session to obtain oral and written comments regarding opportunities to improve educational outcomes for American Indian and Alaska Native youth including youth with disabilities. Through this listening session, the Departments hope to hear from federally recognized tribes, school leaders, parents, and the public on the best ways the Departments can use their resources and expertise to promote more effective school reform efforts in BIE-funded schools with a particular emphasis on students with disabilities and students served under Title I; and to enhance the BIE’s quality research, data collection, and dissemination of best practices with regard to the education of American Indian and Alaska Native students.

9:00-4:30  Leadership Training: Leaders as Legacy Builders  
**Room: Truman B**
Leaders as Legacy Builders is a workshop designed for tribal leaders and key decision-makers who are looking to strengthen their leadership skills and mindset so that they are better equipped to forge a governance legacy that will empower their nations for generations to come. The training team will work with participants to confront the many leadership challenges they face, and will explore through personal self-reflection and group discussion the proven strategies that they can employ to provide the leadership their tribal nations and communities are counting on.

Participants are expected to show up on time and attend the training in its entirety, as it is designed to be a comprehensive experience. There are only 25 slots for this training, and individuals will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

12:00-1:00  New Member Orientation  
**Room: Bennie Moten A**
All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process.

Presenters:
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, National Congress of American Indians  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, National Congress of American Indians  
Ed Thomas, Parliamentarian, National Congress of American Indians  
Robert Holden, National Congress of American Indians  
Tyler Owens, Membership Coordinator, National Congress of American Indians

1:30-3:00  Understanding Sexual Assaults in Tribal Communities within the Context of Intimate Partner Relationships  
**Room: Yardbird A**
Over the last decade, the national awareness of sexual assault against Native women has increased, but more must be done at all levels to stop sexual assaults against Native women, including those occurring within the context of intimate partner relationships. This conversation, facilitated by the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, will be a discussion focused on the scope of sexual assaults committed against American Indians and Alaska Natives and concerns related to tribal, federal and state systems’ responses, and how adequate and culturally appropriate responses can help reduce the trauma and disparities experienced by Native victims.

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1:00-3:00  
**Department of the Interior (DOI) Listening Session on DOI Reorganization***  
*Room: Andy Kirk AB*  
Indian Affairs is taking careful consideration on how our regions and functions may be included in this reorganization and seeks tribes’ input on how to implement the principles of efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in a manner that substantially improves service to tribes and tribal citizens across the nation.

1:00-4:00  
**Federal Recognition Task Force**  
*Room: Bennie Moten B*  
The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes to policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the federal recognition process. The Task Force will continue work on implementation of the current proposals from the Department of the Interior to modify the federal acknowledgment process.

1:00-4:00  
**Two-Spirit Task Force**  
*Room: Bennie Moten A*  
The role of NCAI’s Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.

1:00-4:00  
**Border Tribes Caucus**  
*Room: Truman A*  
All tribes situated along U.S. borders are invited to attend the Border Tribes Caucus. The Caucus is intended to be a convening space for tribes along the U.S.-Canada border, as well as the U.S.-Mexico border, to give updates and discuss issues, such as border crossing concerns and travel visas concerns. In addition, attendees are invited to discuss strategies for addressing such issues, such as unified outreach to federal officials, developing standing NCAI resolutions on specific issues, or other approaches. We hope you will join this important discussion and we look forward to seeing you.

1:00-4:00  
**Essential Behavioral Health Partnerships for Combatting the Opioid Crisis Tribal Listening Session***  
*Room: Mary Lou Williams AB*  
Combatting the opioid crisis in tribal communities requires a range of actions across sectors and partners. Recent discussions have underscored the importance of behavioral health prevention, treatment, and/or recovery support as well as improved integration of behavioral health and primary care, greater access to workforce development and training, and addressing housing issues for people with substance use disorders as essential components for improving our collective response within tribal communities. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will provide brief updates on current programs and/or funding to support tribal efforts to combat the opioid crisis and other substances of abuse. This session seeks input from tribal leaders on opportunities for strengthening linkages across behavioral health and primary care services, workforce, and housing programs to better address tribal needs.

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Speakers:
Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy, SAMHSA
Nancy Rios, Deputy Regional Administrator, HRSA, Office of Regional Operations Region 7
Joe Garcia, Co-Chair, SAMHSA Tribal Technical Advisory Committee, and Head Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh

1:00-5:00  
**U.S. Department of Education (USED) Tribal Consultation on the Alaska Native Education (ANE) Program***
*Room: Julia Lee AB*
A tribal consultation will be conducted by the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education and the USED, Office of Academic Improvement, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE). In FY 2017, OESE conducted the first ANE program grant competition under the ESSA of 2015. To ensure applicants received sufficient information in which to apply for the grant, OESE defined several terms and clarified requirements that were included under ESSA. Because FY 2017 was the first grant competition for the ANE program under section 6304 of the ESEA, defining and clarifying definitions and requirements in the 2017 notice qualified for an exemption to the rule-making requirement. However, OESE is required to conduct rule-making activities for any subsequent year in which we conduct a competition. In this session, OESE will consult with tribal leaders, Alaska Natives, and others on the ANE program, as implemented under ESSA. For More Information Contact: Almita Reed, Almita.reed@ed.gov.

3:00-5:00  
**Department of the Interior Listening Session on Fee-to-Trust Regulations***
*Room: Andy Kirk AB*
Indian Affairs is seeking tribal input how the fee-to-trust regulations could be improved. For more information contact Liz Appel at elizabeth.appel@bia.gov.

4:00-5:00  
**NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee***
*Room: Bennie Moten A*
NCAI requests that all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

4:00-6:00  
**NCAI Youth Meet & Greet***
*Room: Yardbird B*
Come get to know other Native youth from across Indian Country! Our partners from the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) will facilitate a fun and interactive social media communications session. All youth in attendance are invited and pizza will be served.

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Monday, June 4

7:30-5:00 Resolutions Office Open
Room: Wilson

Registration/Rules & Credentials Open
Ballroom Foyer

8:00-8:20 Youth Morning Gathering
Room: Yardbird B

8:30-4:00 Elders’ Lounge Open
Room: Yardbird A

9:00-5:00 Marketplace Open
Room: Count Basie C

8:30-12:00 First General Assembly

Call to Order
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians

Presentation of the Colors
Post 400 We-Ta-Se Color Guard, Mayetta, Kansas

Honor Song
Little Soldier out of Mayetta, Kansas

Invocation

8:50 Welcome
Liana Onnen, Chairperson, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

9:00 Welcome from Local Official
Ponka-We Victors, Kansas State Representative

9:10 Rules of the Convention
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules & Credentials Committee

Resolutions Process Report
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

9:20 President’s Report
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians

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<td>Sly James, Mayor, City of Kansas City, Missouri</td>
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<td>Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs</td>
<td>John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior</td>
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<td>Kevin Frost, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Department of Energy</td>
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<td>Opioid Epidemic Update</td>
<td>Curtis “Muskrat” Bruehl, Attorney, Bruehl Law</td>
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<td>Rhonda Harjo, Deputy Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</td>
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<td>United States Department of Agriculture Listening Session – Rural Broadband E-Connectivity *</td>
<td>Join the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s listening session to receive feedback and insight into our existing programs, as well as thoughts and suggestions for our new pilot program. The goal is to ensure that we are achieving broadband access through our RUS telecom programs such as the Distance Learning &amp; Telemedicine grant, Community Connect grant, and our Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Programs to our Native American partners. As for our new pilot program, we are aiming to get the most “bang for the buck” to improve broadband e-connectivity for as many rural American homes, businesses, farms, schools and health care facilities as possible. The FY18 Omnibus Act included $600 million in appropriations for a pilot program to expand rural broadband. These funds will enable USDA to provide new financial options in unserved rural and tribal areas as well as complement our current rural broadband programs.</td>
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USDA Rural Development Representatives:
Jannine Miller, Senior Advisor for Rural Infrastructure
Chad Parker, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunication Programs
Tedd Buelow, National Native American Coordinator

1:30-4:00  Concurrent Breakout Sessions

South Dakota v. Wayfair and Tribal-State Tax Negotiations
Room: Mary Lou Williams AB
In the pending case of South Dakota v. Wayfair, the Supreme Court will consider permitting states to collect billions in new revenue from online sales. NCAI with tribal nations in South Dakota submitted an amicus brief urging the Court to consider the taxation rights of tribal governments. At the heart of this case is the Commerce Clause, which expressly protects not only states, but also Indian tribes. After the Wayfair decision, states may be revising their tax codes in order to capture online sales tax revenue. If tribes are proactive, there will be an opportunity to negotiate mutually beneficial revenue sharing agreements between states and tribes, or to develop exemption procedures. This breakout will provide background and strategic discussion on communicating with state governments and online retailers with regard to the Wayfair decision, which will likely arrive at the end of June.

Presenters:
Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno Sparks Indian Colony
Scott German, Chief of Staff, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Kelly Croman-Neelands, General Counsel, Puyallup Tribe
Sam Hirsch, Partner, Jenner & Block, LLP
John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

A Nation-Building Toolkit for Tribal Workforce Development
Room: Bennie Moten AB
This breakout session will provide a detailed overview of NCAI’s new decision-framing toolkit for tribal workforce development, and the different ways that tribal leaders and workforce development practitioners can use the toolkit to inform and drive strategic action towards the crafting of effective, self-governed approaches to developing the ability of Native people to “fulfill their true potential and live their authentic lives.” The session will feature a panel of leading tribal workforce development practitioners offering their perspectives on the key strategic considerations covered in the toolkit and how their nations are engaging those considerations.

Moderator: Dr. Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, National Congress of American Indians

Presenters:
Kim Carroll, Grants & Compliance Director, Career Services, Cherokee Nation
Erwin Pahmahmie, Jr., Director, Employment and Training Administration, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Kay Seven, Director, Adult Education, Nez Perce Tribe

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**Innovative Practices in Juvenile Justice**  
*Room: Andy Kirk AB*

Panelists will provide an overview of the latest research on tribal juvenile justice; discuss the importance of reforming tribal codes, policies, and practices to support rehabilitation rather than incarceration; share best practices related to early intervention and delinquency prevention; and examine the importance of state-tribal collaboration and communication.

Moderator: Nikki Borchardt Campbell, Executive Director, National American Indian Court Judges Association

Presenters:
Addie Rolnick, Professor, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Annette Leyva, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Johanna Farmer, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
David McArthur, Coordinator, Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court, White Earth Nation  
Anna Rangel, Director, Tribal Law & Policy Division, The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center

**Utilizing Federal and Community Resources to Overcome the Opioid Epidemic**  
*Room: Truman B*

This session will provide tribal leaders an opportunity to hear from federal agencies on how tribes can access the resources to address the opioid epidemic, including those from the FY 2018 omnibus spending bill. Additionally, tribes across Indian Country are creating innovative models to address this epidemic. This session will allow tribal leaders to share their experiences and successes in addressing opioid issues in their communities, and attendees will hear best practices developed by tribes that have created tribal action plans, as well as successful prevention and treatment programs.

Moderators: Rob Sanderson, 2nd V.P. Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and Jeff Gill, Councilor, Seneca Nation Co-Chairs, NCAI Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force

Presenters:
Mirtha Beadle, Director, Tribal Affairs and Policy, SAMHSA  
CAPT Cynthia A. Gunderson, PharmD, Vice-Chair, IHS National Committee on Heroin, Opioids, and Pain Efforts  
Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ), Department of Justice  
John Anderson, U.S. Attorney, District of New Mexico  
Aaron Payment, Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
CDR Ted L. Hall, PharmD, BCPP, Director, Pharmacy/Chief Pharmacist, Ho-Chunk Nation

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Tribal Water Infrastructure
*Room: Colonial Ballroom*

Large portions of Indian Country are located in rural, underdeveloped areas with little or no access to potable water. Where tribes do have access to water infrastructure, there are often years of unmet deferred maintenance needs for existing infrastructure or lack of appropriated funding to complete the needed tribal infrastructure projects. In addition, Indian Country still has large unmet sanitation and wastewater needs. For this reason, NCAI will host this session to discuss current tribal water needs and possible solutions.

Moderator: Melanie Stansbury, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, University of New Mexico, School of Law

Presenters:
Tracy Goodluck, Deputy Director, Department of the Interior
Gwendena Lee-Gatewood, Chairwoman, White Mountain Apache Tribe
M. Camille Touton, U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources

Training: Build your own Native Vote Work Plan
*Room: Julia Lee AB*

Let’s make every Native Vote count! Walk away from this training with a customized Native Vote work plan for your tribal community. Whether you are just beginning or looking to make a bigger impact with your existing voter outreach work, join this training to strategize on ways to increase voter participation in the 2018 Midterm Elections.

Presenter:
Caitlin Donnelly, Nonprofit Vote

Tribal Oversight and Engagement in Education: A High Level Guide to Oversight and Tribal Choice
*Room: Truman A*

From setting up a school to ensuring accountability, attendees will learn to navigate responsibilities related to oversight and operation of innovative education systems and culture-based programs where Native students thrive. This session will include the unveiling of a sovereignty-in-education draft toolkit, and the perspectives of tribal leaders and other education experts on the laws, education data, resources, and practices that are key to decision-making that will ensure Native students are achieving success in the classroom and beyond. The session will also offer an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage on the draft toolkit and other education issues.

Moderator: Joe Garcia, Head Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh

Presenters:
Stephen Roe Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community
Verlon M. Jose, Vice Chairman, Tohono O’odham Nation
Mary Smith, Partner, VENG Consulting
Ron Lessard, Acting Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
Bart Stevens, Deputy Bureau Director, School Operations Division, Bureau of Indian Education

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### Committee Meetings

Subcommittees can meet after full committees if they would like.

**Economic Development, Finance & Employment**  
Room: Bennie Moten AB  
Subcommittees:
- Housing  
- Transportation & Infrastructure  
  - Economic Development, Finance & Employment  
  - Telecommunications

**Human Resources**  
Room: Mary Lou Williams AB  
Subcommittees:
- Health  
- Indian Child & Family Welfare  
  - Education  
  - Disabilities

**Land & Natural Resources**  
Room: Colonial Ballroom  
Subcommittees:
- Energy & Mineral Policy  
- Trust Lands, Natural Resources, Agriculture  
  - Environmental Protection & Land Use

**Litigation & Governance**  
Room: Andy Kirk AB  
Subcommittees:
- Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns  
  - Taxation  
  - Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

**Tribal Gaming Subcommittee**  
Room: Truman B

**Veterans**  
Room: Julia Lee AB

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Tuesday, June 5

6:45  
Sunrise Ceremony  
Outside the main lobby exit doors in the park  
The NCAI Sunrise Ceremony will be held as a part of the observances and ceremonies during the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. The public is invited to attend NCAI’s respectful observance to honor sacred places, sacred beings and sacred waters, and all those who care for them and protect them from harm.

7:15-8:15  
Regional Caucus Meetings  
closed to press  
Alaska Region - Room: Truman B  
Eastern Oklahoma Region - Room: Mary Lou Williams AB  
Great Plains Region - Room: Truman A  
Midwest Region - Room: Bennie Moten AB  
Northeast Region - Room: Taft  
Northwest Region - Room: Julia Lee AB  
Pacific Region - Room: Andy Kirk AB  
Rocky Mountain Region - Room: Yardbird B  
Southeast Region - Room: Yardbird A  
Southern Plains Region - Room: Hoover  
Southwest Region - Room: Colonial Ballroom  
Western Region - Room: Kennedy

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Resolutions Open  
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<td><strong>NCAI’s 13th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum</strong></td>
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<td>The Tribal Leader Scholar Forum was created to provide an opportunity for researchers to present their findings for discussion with tribal leaders and other attendees during the NCAI Mid Year Conference.</td>
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<td>This year is proving to be a critical time where data can and will influence our futures. This session will explore how data now can help develop policies to ensure the best possible future for our communities.</td>
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<td>Liana Onnen, Chairperson, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</td>
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<td>Amber Ebarb MPP, Program Manager, NCAI Policy Research Center</td>
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12:00   Lunch Recess

12:00-1:00   Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum Poster Session 1
   Ballroom Foyer
   The poster session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage with numerous scholars on a variety of research and data projects that can help inform Native American policy.

1:30-3:45 PM   Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Food Sovereignty, Economic Opportunity, and the Farm Bill
   Room: Andy Kirk AB
   Join the Native Farm Bill Coalition and tribes across the country to explore the possibilities for food sovereignty and how reclaiming food systems can spur economic development. With Congress considering the Farm Bill this summer, tribes can learn how innovative food systems that incorporate traditional nutrition can create economic opportunities for tribal communities. This session will also provide updates on Congress's consideration of the Farm Bill and specific tribal provisions.

Moderator: Aaron Payment, Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians

Presenters:
John Berrey, Chairman, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
Douglas Cox, Chairman, Menominee Indian Tribe
Leroy Staples Fairbanks, District III Representative, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Colby Duren, Policy Director and Staff Attorney, University of Arkansas Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
Joshua Riley, Program Manager, Choctaw Nation
David Brown Eagle, Vice Chairman, Spokane Tribe of Indians

International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty
   Room: Truman AB
   Panelists will provide updates on a number of international policy matters of importance to tribal governments. The breakout session will highlight recent developments on the issues of international repatriation, cultural protection, protection of traditional knowledge, and climate change. The session will also include updates on the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and an effort under way to establish an organization of indigenous peoples and nations from across North and South America.

Presenters:
Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan
Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council
Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Virginia Davis, Senior Policy Advisor, National Congress of American Indians
Francisco Valencia, Member, Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council

Tribal Lands
   Room: Colonial Ballroom
   The Tribal Lands Working Group will host its second meeting to further ongoing discussions with respect to fee to trust

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issues, trust asset management plans, permitting and environmental review issues, restricted fee land, and trust land discussions. The session is intended to provide information and better inform the policy direction of NCAI with respect to each topic.

Presenters:
Jody Cummings, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson
Derrick Beetso, Staff Attorney, National Congress of American Indians
Lawrence Roberts, Attorney, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

Preparing for Sports Betting: Tribal Gaming Considerations after Murphy v. NCAA
Room: 12th Street Meeting Room
The U.S. Supreme Court recently struck down a law that makes sports betting illegal in most states. This decision has implications for tribes and states as they consider authorizing sports betting in their jurisdictions. This session will provide tribal leaders the opportunity to hear about what to expect in light of this recent Supreme Court decision and to participate in a discussion of the issues that need to be considered for existing operations and future ventures.

Moderator: Deborah Thundercloud, Chief of Staff, National Indian Gaming Association

Presenters:
Verolon M. Jose, Treasurer, Arizona Indian Gaming Association, Vice Chairman, Tohono O’odham Nation
Sheila Morago, Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association
Aurene Martin, President, Spirit Rock Consulting

1:30-2:30 Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum 1

Genetic Research: Tribal Strategies to Protect and Benefit
Room: Mary Lou Williams AB
This session will feature tribes that have taken action on genetic research and have developed strategies to ensure that their communities are protected and also can benefit from cutting edge research.

Presenters:
Paul Spicer, University of Oklahoma
Michael Peercy, Chickasaw Nation
Joseph Yracheta, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.
Jessica W. Blanchard, PhD, University of Oklahoma Center for Applied Social Research
Sohail Khan, MBBS, MPH, CIP, Director, Human Research & Co-Chair Cherokee Nation IRB
Walter Phelps, Honorable Navajo Nation Delegate, Navajo Nation

Crime & Justice Data for Policy
Room: Bennie Moten AB
This session will focus on resources, tools, and strategies to use data to inform tribal criminal justice strategies.

Presenters:
Virginia Davis, Senior Policy Advisor, National Congress of American Indians

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B.J. Spamer, MFS, Director, NamUS Forensic and Analytical Services, National Missing & Unidentified Persons System, (NamUs), University of North Texas Health Science Center
Steven Hafner, Research Assistant (Contractor), National Institute of Justice (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice
Debra Stoe, Physical Scientist, Office of Science and Technology, Policy and Standards Division, U.S. Department of Justice (OJP/NJI)
Christine Crossland, Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of Research & Evaluation (JSRD), U.S. Department of Justice (OJP/NJI)

Community Needs Assessment – Data for Action
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Room: Julia Lee AB
This session will focus on examples of how data from community needs assessments can be used to take action to address priority issues in tribal communities.

Presenters:
David Simmons, Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association
Gil Vigil, Executive Director, Eight Northern Pueblos Council
Collette Adamsen, MPA, Director, National Resource Center on Native American Aging, The University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

2:45-3:45 Concurrent Breakout Session – Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum 2

Tribal Research Oversight – Tribes Taking Action
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Room: Mary Lou Williams AB
This session will focus on tribes that have implemented research oversight infrastructure in their communities.

Presenters:
Heather Larsen M.Ed., Research Office, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Melissa Buffalo, M.S., Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health
Michaela Seiber, M.P.H., Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health
Kehli A. Henry, Grant Analyst, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Data to Strengthen Tribal Economies
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Room: Bennie Moten AB
This session will focus on data and strategies to inform action towards thriving local economies.

Presenters:
Stephanie Gutierrez, Founder & Principal, Hope Nation LLC
Maria Cullooyah, Planning Manager, Planning and Economic Development of the Spokane Tribe
Sarah McKinley, Community Development Programs, Democracy Collaborative
Richard M. Todd, Advisor, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
Anna Huntington, Development Director, First Peoples Fund
Tosa Two Heart, Program Manager, Community Development, First Peoples Fund

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3:45  Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum Poster Session 2
      Ballroom Foyer
      The poster session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage with numerous scholars on a variety of
      research and data projects that can help inform Native American policy.

4:15-5:30  Youth End of Day Gathering
         Room: Yardbird B

4:15-6:15  FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
         Economic, Finance & Community Development - Room: Bennie Moten AB
         Human Resources - Room: Mary Lou Williams AB
         Land & Natural Resources - Room: Colonial Ballroom
         Litigation & Governance - Room: Andy Kirk AB
         Veterans - Room: Julia Lee AB

6:30-8:00  United League of Indigenous Nations Ceremony
         Room: Andy Kirk AB
         The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed by NCAI’s Special Committee on
         Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007. The Treaty establishes an international political and economic
         alliance to advance the common interests of indigenous nations on several issues, including: climate
         change, trade and commerce, cultural properties, and human rights.

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7:15-8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings**  
Alaska Region - Room: Truman B  
Eastern Oklahoma Region - Room: Mary Lou Williams AB  
Great Plains Region - Room: Truman A  
Midwest Region - Room: Bennie Moten AB  
Northeast Region - Room: Taft  
Northwest Region - Room: 12th Street Meeting Room  
Pacific Region - Room: Andy Kirk AB  
Rocky Mountain Region - Room: Yardbird B  
Southeast Region - Room: Yardbird A  
Southern Plains Region - Room: Hoover  
Southwest Region - Room: Colonial Ballroom  
Western Region - Room: Kennedy

8:00-8:20 **Youth Morning Gathering**  
Room: Yardbird B

8:30-12:30 **Elders’ Lounge Open**  
Room: Yardbird A

9:00-12:00 **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**  
Ballroom Foyer

8:30-12:00 **Third General Assembly**  
Count Basie A/B

8:30 **Call to Order**  
Juana Majel Dixon, Secretary, National Congress of American Indians

Invocation

Announcements

8:50 **Supreme Court Project Update**  
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund  
John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

9:10 **Native Vote**

9:20 **Partnership for Tribal Governance**  
Ian Record, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, National Congress of American Indians

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Other Meeting and Events

Sunday, June 3

5:00-6:30pm  NATIVE AMERICA Screening  
Room Mary Lou Williams AB  
Join series producer Julianna Brannum (Comanche) for a special preview of the new four-part series NATIVE AMERICA, which premieres on PBS this fall. Weaving history and science with living Indigenous traditions, the series brings to life a land of massive cities connected by social networks spanning two continents, with unique and sophisticated systems of science, art and writing. Made with the active participation of Native American communities and filmed in some of the most spectacular locations in the hemisphere, NATIVE AMERICA illuminates the splendor of a past whose story has for too long remained untold. Narrated by Robbie Robertson (Mohawk and member of the famed rock group The Band), the series is produced by Providence Pictures.

Monday, June 4

7:30-8:30am  National Organization of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Tribal Priority Discussion  
Room: Andy Kirk AB  
Wopila Consulting, LLC and the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is surveying Indian Country to examine American Indian communities’ experiences with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs). The survey seeks to explore best practices for awareness, prevention, and intervention. This information will be used to build an evidence base of FASDs best practices in Indian Country, inform the development of American Indian specific resources, and build stronger partnerships between NOFAS, American Indian tribes, urban American Indian communities, and American Indian advocacy organizations. Wopila is seeking tribal input on the survey instrument. We invite you to join the conversation for breakfast and to provide your feedback. Attendees will receive gift cards for participating. For more information, contact Lillian Sparks Robinson at Lillian@wopilallc.com.

Tuesday, June 5

6:15-8:30pm  “100 Years” Movie Screening  
Room: Truman AB  
This inspiring documentary chronicles the courageous battle of an unlikely heroine, Elouise Cobell, as she fights for justice for 300,000 Native Americans who were cheated out of billions of dollars by the U.S Government.

Wednesday, June 6

1:00pm  Young Professionals Powwow, Tradeshow, and Convention  
Abe & Jake’s Landing, 8 E. 6th Street, Lawrence, KS  
Grand Entry at 1:00pm and 6:00pm. For more information contact Freddy Gipp at fredgipp@gmail.com.

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