



NCAI's 12th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum
Narragansett Room
1:30pm-4:00pm

Building Tribal Data Infrastructure

Moderated by Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe

What does culturally-driven, data-informed decision-making look like? How is research inherently connected to the exercise of sovereignty? To argue the case for decolonizing data and driving research agendas for your community, a panel of researchers and practitioners from diverse but intersecting fields of knowledge has been assembled. By demonstrating the impact of their work—how it has supported those citizens often most vulnerable or invisible within or without the tribal community—great lessons will be shared and new methodologies gleaned.

Presenters:

Laying the Groundwork: Why Tribes Need Data & Research

Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear, University of Arizona & University of Waikato

Dr. Stephanie C. Rainie, University of Arizona Native Nations Institute

Culturally-Grounded Research to Guide Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

Shanondora Billiot, Yale University

Tracking Victims of Sex Trafficking

Jim Walters, AMBER Alert Training & Technical Assistance Program

Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Arizona State University School of Social Work

Mapping the Needs of Urban Indian Populations

Dr. Christie Poitra, Michigan State University Native American Institute

Decolonizing Data

Abigail Echo-Hawk, Urban Indian Health Institute