



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum - NCAI Mid Year Conference

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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 NCAI's Mid Year Conference.

### Second General Assembly

8:30 am – 12:00 pm, *Nugget 2*

### *Data and Research: Tribes Taking Action*

Many tribes are taking action with data and research to help strategically impact the future of their communities. This session will explore various areas where tribes are having impact.

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| 8:30 am  | <b>Welcome, Announcements</b>   |
| 8:45 am  | <b>NCAI Policy Research Center Director Update</b><br><i>Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center</i>   |
| 9:00am   | <b>Tribal Leader Overview</b><br><i>W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, NCAI Treasurer</i>   |
| 9:15 am  | <b>Census 2020: Get Out the Count for Indian Country</b><br><i>Dee Alexander, Tribal Affairs Coordinator</i><br><i>Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs</i><br><i>U.S. Census Bureau</i><br><br><i>Amadeo Shije, Partnership Coordinator (Tribal), Denver Regional Office, U.S. Census Bureau</i><br><br><i>Asa K. Washines, Tribal Affairs Consultant, More Equitable Democracy</i> |
| 9:45 am  | <b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>   |
| 10:00 am | <b>Diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives: Are We Making Progress?</b><br><i>Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center</i>  |
| 10:30 am | <b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>   |

- 11:00 am**                    **Genetic Research: Tribes Taking Action**  
*Mr. Jamie Henio, Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group;*  
*Mr. Walter Phelps, former Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group;*  
*Dr. Franklin Sage, Director, Diné Policy Institute*
- 11:30 am**                    **Tribal Leader Discussion**
- 12:00 pm**                    **General Assembly Ends**
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**        **Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum - Poster Session 1** (*Nugget 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 AI/AN policy

### **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

- 1:30 – 2:30 pm**        **Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Tribal Leader Scholar Forum 1**
- A) Genetic Research: Tribes Taking Action** (*Cascade 1*)  
 Tribes have taken action on genetic research. This session will share what strategies tribes have developed to ensure that their communities are protected and also can benefit from cutting edge research.
- Driving Change: Priming the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development  
*Dr. David Begay, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico*  
*Ms. Beverly Becenti-Pigman, Chair, Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board, Navajo Nation*  
*Ms. Rene Begay, Professional Research Assistant, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus*  
*Dr. Franklin Sage, Director, Diné Policy Institute*
  - NIH Intellectual Property Consultation – Summary of Input  
*David R. Wilson, PhD, Director, Tribal Research Office, National Institutes of Health*
  - Discussion

## **B) Crime & Justice Data for Policy (Cascade 2)**

Data is a key component in making informed decisions. This session will focus on data for tribal action on crime and justice topics.

- Using Data and Research to Address Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases in Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages  
*Steven Hafner, Research Scientist, National Missing & Unidentified Persons Systems (NamUs), U.S. Department of Justice*  
*B.J. Spamer, MFS, Executive Director of Operations, NamUs, U.S. Department of Justice*  
*Christine (Tina) Crossland, NIJ Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of Research, Evaluation & Technology, U.S. Department of Justice*
- The Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC): Twenty Years of Data  
*Jennifer Bronson, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice*  
*Karla Eisen, Senior Study Director, Project Director, SJIC, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat*  
*Ben Korelitz, Project Manager, SJIC, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat*  
*Art Martinez, Clinical Psychologist, Chumash Tribe*
- Discussion

## **C) Data for Community Change – Data for Action (Cascade 3)**

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

- Storytelling Utilizing Data and GIS Technology: Creating Visual Frameworks to Aid Decision Making in Child Welfare and ICWA  
*Jhon Goes In Center, Geo-Spatial Cultural Advisor, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat*  
*Kathryn Kulbicki, Geographic Information Systems Analyst, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat*  
*Karla Eisen, Senior Study Director, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat*
- Piikani (Blackfeet) Pathways to Data, Research, and Food Sovereignty  
*Loren BirdRattler, Project Manager, Blackfeet Agricultural Resource Management Plan, Blackfeet Nation*
- Discussion

2:45 - 3:45 pm **Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Tribal Leader Scholar Forum 2**

**A) Tribal Research Oversight – Tribes Taking Action** (*Cascade 1*)

Tribes implement research oversight to ensure their communities are protected and also benefit from the research. This session will highlight tribal nations that have implemented research oversight infrastructure in their communities.

- Tools for Tribal Leaders: Building Research Infrastructure Efficiently  
*Heather Larsen, MEd, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Research Office*  
*Melissa Buffalo MS, Cancer Equity Manager, American Indian Cancer Foundation*  
*Michaela Seiber MPH, Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH), Sanford Research*
  
- Deliberation and Community Engagement on Genetics in Three Communities  
*Jessica Blanchard, Research Scientist, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK*  
*Michael Percy, Epidemiologist, IRB Administrator, Division of Research and Public Health, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, OK*  
*Joseph Yracheta, Senior Scientist, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc., Eagle Butte, SD*  
*Justin Lund, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma*
  
- Discussion

**B) Data for Climate Action** (*Cascade 3*)

At the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session, NCAI announced the Climate Action Workgroup as a result of the resolution process in which tribes indicated that this is a priority area. Climate Action data will be shared with tribal leaders to inform their decisions and take action.

- *Christopher Caldwell, Director, Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation, Menominee Nation*
  
- *TBA*
  
- *Discussion*

**C) First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>: Helping Native Youth Thrive** (*Cascade 2*)

Accurate and meaningful data helps tribal leaders make decisions to ensure that their children thrive and their communities are healthy and sustainable. But knowing where to find the right data is essential. Through Community Asset Mapping and identifying data to use and track over time, tribes can quickly transform data into actions and drive change. Join us for a discussion to learn how and where to access the right data to inform your strategic, forward directed decision-making.

- Welcome, Overview of First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>  
*Christian Weaver, Native Youth Strategy Manager, NCAI*  
*Ahniwake Rose, Deputy Director, NCAI*
- Community Asset Mapping for Native Youth  
*David Simmons, Director for Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association*
- Measuring Progress for our Youth – Data for Action  
*Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center*
- Discussion

**3:45 – 4:15 pm**     **Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum - Poster Session 2** (*Nugget Foyer*)  
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**4:15 pm**             **Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum ends**