

# ABOUT BIONEERS



Bioneers is a non-profit educational organization that highlights breakthrough solutions for restoring people and planet. Since 1990, Bioneers has acted as a fertile hub of social and scientific innovators with nature-inspired approaches for the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges. We connect people with solutions and each other.

Our acclaimed national and local conferences are complemented by extensive media outreach including an award-winning radio series, book series and role in media projects such as Leonardo DiCaprio's film *The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour*.

Our work has evolved into **six programs**:

- **Changing the Mindscape.** A Public Education program that features the Bioneers conference(s) and extensive media production and outreach, including an award-winning radio series, book series, satellite and TV broadcasts and a consulting role for third-party films, press and media. Watch for the new Media component on our web site this year.
- **Education for Action.** A Formal Education program that acts as a hub for educators and students, and brings Bioneers Education for Sustainability (EfS) materials to schools and colleges. We work with specific groups and institutions to leverage educational systems for social transformation.
- **Resilience from the Ground Up.** A Localization program that works through the award-winning Dreaming New Mexico project to bring a practical toolkit and methodology for effective systemic change at the municipal and state level, and that other communities can customize.
- **Moonrise.** A whole systems approach to diverse Women's Leadership provides experiential education and media to strengthen women's capacity to be bold, congruent and effective leaders on behalf of a healthy, just and peaceful future. The program encourages all people toward "full-spectrum leadership," with flexible access to all of our feminine and masculine qualities.
- **Becoming Native to Place.** An Indigeneity program that educates people about the essential practices of indigenous and traditional knowledge. We invite people to learn with leadership from First Peoples how to re-indigenize our societies as citizens of planet Earth and our local address.
- **Bioneers Global.** An international program to connect social and scientific innovators for the purposes of network cultivation, cross-pollination and the transfer of effective practices, models, technologies and key ideas.

**Bioneers has been officially honored and recognized** by the California State Senate, Marin County Board of Supervisors (California), and Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico, where Bioneers is based. The Bioneers Dreaming New Mexico project won second place in the prestigious international Buckminster Fuller Challenge Award in 2009 and is a semi-finalist in 2011. The Bioneers radio series has won dozens of awards including multiple Gold Medals in the prestigious international New York Festivals. Bioneers and founders and Co-CEOs Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons have received many awards and honors. Bioneers is a Knowledge Partner of the Tällberg Forum in Sweden.

**For more information, please visit [www.bioneers.org](http://www.bioneers.org) or call 877-BIONEERS (246-6337).**

# WHAT IS INDIGENEITY



Indigeneity is a program of Bioneers that promotes indigenous leaders and indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), as a critical path to support all people in learning to honor bio-cultural landscapes, indigenous lifeways, and “reconnect to place” so we may restore social and ecological balance to Mother Earth. Indigeneity builds meaningful and powerful alliances between indigenous leaders and global support to sustain biocultural diversity and preserve sacred sites, landscapes and the traditions of indigenous peoples.

**“We are working on the issues that are holding back indigenous communities and indigenous leaders from fully embracing the sacred role they are holding for the planet.”**

Indigenous peoples---keepers of the world’s “old-growth cultures”---provide critically important leadership and insight into Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), empirical indigenous science highly specific to place, earned over generations of careful observation and cumulative collective experience. To meet today’s challenge of potential global collapse that no society has ever faced, indigenous science offers a way of knowing that can provide a crucial complement to the tools of Western Science. First Peoples also carry what is sometimes called “The Original Instructions” --guiding principles, values, ethics, social processes and tools for how a culture or society can collectively organize itself in relations to place, embody kinship, and practice peace.

The First Peoples around the world are the guardians of lands that contain as much as 80 percent of the world’s remaining biodiversity. The Indigeneity Program has been launched to help conserve this biodiversity, as well as to help conserve traditional knowledge and cultures. Indigeneity highlights “biocultural mimicry” to offer models of how old-growth cultures have learned to live in the long haul in relative balance with natural systems. Through this perspective, it is possible to reinvent and rebuild communities in accordance with ecological principles and social equity.

Indigeneity has been central to Bioneers World renowned Annual Conference in San Rafael, CA since it’s inception in 1990. The Indigenous Forum at the conference is a sovereign space dedicated to indigenous programming, designed by partner organizations the Cultural Conservancy and the Indigenous Environmental Network. At a time of great mainstream receptivity, the Indigenous Forum provides space for in-depth explorations of Indigeneity.

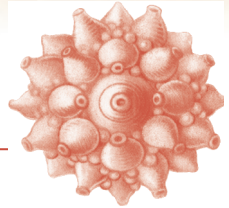
From the Indigeneity programming content, Bioneers is generating and disseminating media and educational materials with uniquely valuable indigenous perspectives through multiple channels. Indigeneity promotes biocultural diversity conservation, the protection of Native lands, indigenous human rights and the leadership of indigenous peoples. Bioneers award winning radio series, Bioneers: Revolution from the heart of Nature has a total U.S. market coverage of over 100 million listeners and has been broadcast in over 11 countries. All of the Indigeneity programming serves as a widely distributed public education outlet that provides a critical bridge between indigenous cultural leaders and the world.

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# INDIGENOUS FORUM 2011 SCHEDULE

Pre-Conference

## INTENSIVE



THURSDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2011, 9am – 5:30pm

### Native Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Native Essentials: Traditional Foods, Sacred Waters,  
Songs and Stories from the Land and Seas

Presented and Hosted by The Cultural Conservancy.

Convened by **Melissa Nelson** (Turtle Mountain Anishinaabe)  
and **Cara McCoy** (Chemehuevi)

*Co-sponsors: Pou Kapua Creations, Canyon Records, Bioneers Indigeneity Program*

A full-day immersion into the indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge of local California Indian Nations and global indigenous communities, we will explore the sophisticated sciences, knowledge and practices of indigenous peoples working to protect their traditional knowledge and restore their eco-cultural heritage.



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PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE



### Peoples and Places of the Bay Area Homelands

A traditional welcome and overview of the lands and cultures of the San Francisco Bay Area from local California Indian educators including **Jacquelyn Ross**; Coast Miwok/Southern Pomo peoples of the Graton Rancheria in Marin and Sonoma Counties; **Ann Marie Sayers**, **Kanyon Sayers-Roods**, Ohlone/Costanoan bands of the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas

### Water and Land Protection from the Colorado Plateau Tribes

Two Southwest Native leaders share Intertribal effort to protect the Colorado River and other water sources in Northern Arizona: **Tony Skrelunas** (Navajo), Native American Director of the Grand Canyon Trust; **Bucky Preston** (Hopi), The Paatuwaqatsi Run — Water Is Life.

### Native Food Demonstration and Hands-on Prep Work

Cultural cooking demonstrations on Native foods. **With: Jacquelyn Ross**, Coastal Miwok traditional gatherer; and **Lois Ellen Frank** (Kiowa) and **Walter Whitewater** (Navajo), Native chefs and Southwest Indian food educators. Prepare and eat acorns, salmon, seaweed, blue corn posole, green chili, “three sisters” stew, agave lemonade, and teas.

### Lunch Feast

#### Plants and Shells from Sacred Waters

Make cordage and simple tule baskets and learn about California Indian basketweaving with **Kathy Wallace** (Hupa/Yurok/Karuk) and **L. Frank** (Tongva/Ajachmem). Using abalone and olivella shells, Ohlone leaders **Ann Marie Sayers** and **Kanyon Sayers-Roods** will lead us in making necklaces.

#### Canoes, Water, and Navigation

Explore canoe-making, navigation and water knowledge with Maori/Tongan/Pacific teachers **Wikuki Kingi** and **Tania Haarekitera Wolfgramm**.

#### Songscaapes, Storyscaapes and Music from the Land

A performance-presentation honoring the songs, stories and music of the lands and water. **With: R. Carlos Nakai** (Navajo/Ute), Grammy-nominated musician; **Sunny Dooley** (Diné), traditional storyteller. Others.

#### Closing Ceremony

**Location:** Bay Conference Center in Tiburon, CA. Bus transportation from the Embassy Suites Hotel at 8:30am.

**Cost:** \$195



Indigenous

# FORUM

Presented by **The Cultural Conservancy** ([www.nativeland.org](http://www.nativeland.org)), **Indigenous Environmental Network** ([www.ienearth.org](http://www.ienearth.org)) and **Bioneers Indigeneity program**.

## Friday: Stories from Sacred Lands

Presented by the **Sacred Land Film Project of Earth Island Institute**

Around the world, ancestral indigenous instructions tell every culture to take care of sacred healing places. Native Hawaiians ended 50 years of U.S. Navy bombing on the islands of Kaho`olawe and Moloka'i, a movement that sparked a cultural renaissance throughout the islands. In northern California, the Winnemem Wintu continue traditional ceremonies on the McCloud River and Mt. Shasta as they fight to restore salmon and stop the raising of Shasta Dam. Join Native Hawaiian educator **Luana Busby-Neff** and Winnemem Wintu Spiritual Leader **Caleen Sisk-Franco** to hear inspiring stories from sacred lands. View two sneak-preview film clips presented by Sacred Land Film Project Director **Toby McLeod**.

## Friday: Protecting Endangered Native Languages

Presented by **Cultural Survival-Endangered Languages**

In the U.S., 70 of the remaining 139 Native American languages will disappear in the next five years. Native and non-native organizations are partnering to keep Native language a living heritage. The Endangered Languages Program is developing a network among 300+ tribal language programs nationally and a website hub where tribal language advocates can share best practices, teaching materials, fundraising and language revitalization resources. **Moderated by Jennifer Weston** (Lakota), Coordinator, Endangered Languages Project, Cultural Survival. **With: L. Frank** (Tongva/Ajachmen) co-founder of Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival.

## Saturday, 7am: Sunrise Water and Canoe Ceremony

Led by local, national and international indigenous leaders at the lagoon.

## Saturday: Indigenous Watercraft Revitalization from the Pacific

Presented by **The Cultural Conservancy**

Indigenous communities from around the Pacific are involved in an extraordinary renaissance to revitalize the ancestral arts and sciences of their diverse canoe and watercraft traditions. From Maori and Hawaiian ocean-voyaging canoes to Pacific Northwest cedar dugouts, Ohlone tule boats and Chumash plank canoes, we explore canoe water knowledge and practices. **Moderated by Melissa Nelson** (Turtle Mountain Anishinaabe). **With: Wikuki Kingi** (Maori), master canoe-maker and artist; **Kaimana Barcarse** (Hawaiian), 'Aha Punana Leo; **Deana Dartt-Newton** (Chumash), Burke Museum; and a **representative** from Tribal Journeys.



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### **Saturday: The New Face of Environmental Justice in Indian Country: 20 Years Later** Presented by Indigenous Environmental Network

While the environmental justice movement has long addressed the fact that indigenous communities and communities of color are disproportionately affected by environmental injustice, today we're faced with new questions and challenges. How to transition our local economies? How to address the increasing impacts of climate change? How to make inroads into the emerging green economy? How to ensure this work is in line with our traditional teachings and beliefs? **Moderated by Jihan Gearon**, Energy and Climate Program Coordinator, IEN. **With: Wahleah Johns** (Dine), Black Mesa Water Coalition; **Radley Davis** (Pit River Nation, CA); **Debra Harry** (Northern Paiute), Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism.

### **Sunday: Food Security: Breaking Cultural and Racial Barriers Around Food**

As food security becomes a mounting pressure, Native people are breaking cultural and racial barriers by mapping out foodsheds of local non-native food growers and Native practitioners of traditional foods systems. Strategies include food sovereignty councils and cross-cultural approaches for providing Native people and surrounding communities with high-quality, healthy foods. **With: Simone Senogles** (Red Lake Anishinaabe), Coordinator, Food Sovereignty, Security and Health Program, Indigenous Environmental Network; **Bonney Hartley** (Mohican), SEVA Foundation Native American Community Health Program Manager; **Carol Wahpepah** (Ojibwe), Executive Director of the Intertribal Friendship House; **Jeff Metoxen**, Manager of Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems.

### **Sunday: Inter-Tribal Preservation from the Colorado Plateau** Presented by the Native American Program of Grand Canyon Trust

"Utilizing our honorable teachings, songs, and dances to breathe life into the preservation of sacred sites, health, precious water, and cultures." The old teachings, songs and dances show us the way to live in harmony with our surroundings at a time when our Native communities are challenged with serious impacts to our health, water, language, culture and sacred sites. The Grand Canyon Trust Native America Program has initiated a process of bringing together cultural leaders to collectively prioritize and address these issues. These indigenous leaders offer an overview and show how others can hearken back to their own teachings for guidance. **With: Tony Skrelunas** (Diné); **Deon Ben** (Diné); **Sunny Dooley** (Diné); **Bucky Preston** (Hopi).

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Support the Indigenous Forum at the world renowned Bioneers Conference in San Rafael, CA where our Native American leaders connect with thousands of global indigenous allies, harnessing support and protecting our lifeways.

Your sponsorship makes the following possible:

- **INDIGENOUS FORUM & EXHIBITS**
- **TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL WORKSHOPS**
- **FORMAL EDUCATION MATERIALS**
- **NATIVE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**
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- **NATIVE BENEFIT CONCERT 2012\***

- **\$25,000 TOP SPONSOR:** Screen credits via Beaming Bioneers (Reaching 11,000+), Stage Acknowledgement, Premium Booth Space, 7 Full Access Passes, 7 VIP Reception Passes, Logos on Program, Lg. Banner, Website, Conference Homepages, Registration Page, all Electronic Newsletters, Screen Credit on ALL 2011 Bioneers video broadcasts & DVDS.
- **\$10,000 SPONSOR:** Logo on Webpage , Banner, Conference Program, 3 E-newsletters, Brochure, 4 VIP Reception Passes, 4 Full Access Passes, Logo on Indigeneity 2011 DVD, Premium Booth Space.
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