

INDIGENOUS FORUM at Bioneers 2010

Bioneers is honored to host our 3rd Indigenous Forum, open to all Bioneers attendees. Organized by our esteemed partners **The Cultural Conservancy** (TCC) and **Indigenous Environmental Network** (IEN), the Indigenous Forum produces indigenous-run programs, presentations and demonstrations. Hosted and produced by TCC Executive Director and Bioneers board member **Melissa Nelson** (*Anishinaabe/Métis*) and IEN Executive Director **Tom Goldtooth** (*Dakota/Diné*), this year's Indigenous Forum will feature six exciting workshops on major issues in Indian Country and indigenous communities globally.

Canoe Cultures of the Pacific:

The Indigenous Science of Ethnonavigation

Strong native efforts to revitalize indigenous watercraft and navigation systems are restoring indigenous knowledge while addressing global climate disruption. With: **Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey** (Hawaiian); **Wikuki Kingi** (Maori); **L. Frank** (Tongvan/Ajachmem). *In conjunction with this workshop, we will feature and launch a traditional, specially carved canoe as a symbol of the "Original Instructions" of indigenous cultures.*

Guardians of the North: Saving Lands and Cultures

First Nations and indigenous communities are resisting energy and timber extraction in the native lands of Canada and Alaska. Moderated by **Clayton Thomas-Müller** (Cree). With: **Dune Lankard** (Eyak/Athabaskan); **George Poitras** (Cree); **Faith Gemmill** (Gwich'in); **Josephine Mandamin** (Ojibwe).

Protecting Corn Mother:

Sacred Foods of Native America

Southwestern and national native leaders in the food sovereignty movement will explore corn as a sacred food, and efforts to protect and restore the sanctity of indigenous seeds and foods. With: **Lois Ellen Frank**, celebrated Kiowa chef; **Louie Hena**, Tesuque Pueblo farmer and leader; **Kandi Mossett**, youth leader (Hidatsa/Mandan/Arikara).

First Peoples of California:

Bridging Ancient and Modern Worlds

Today's Native California Indians are working to protect lands, waters, languages and endangered cultural traditions building on the rich native history of California. Invited speakers include: **Joanne Campbell** (Coast Miwok); **Jacquelyn Ross** (Coast Miwok); **Eric Wilder** (Kashaya Pomo).

Doctrines of Recovery:

Decolonization and Reconciliation

After 500 years of colonization and oppression under the Vatican's "Doctrine of Discovery" that sanctioned the state theft of lands and resources, indigenous leaders are resisting, organizing and healing. They are working locally and globally to decolonize and recover resilient communities. With: **Chief Oren Lyons** (Onandaga); **Melissa Nelson** (Anishinaabe/Métis); and **Steve Newcomb** (Shawnee/Lenape).

Bay Area Indian Youth Culture

Join dynamic young local California Indian artists and activists. With: **Ras K'dee** (Pomo); **April McGill** (Yuki/Wappo/Pomo); **Kanyon Sayers-Roods** (Ohlone/Chumash).

A "Gathering the Waters" ceremony led by native women will honor the lifeblood of Mother Earth, with: Ojibwe Grandmother **Josephine Mandamin**, Tongan/Maori educator **Tania Wolfgramm** and others. All will be welcome to respectfully join and bring waters from their homes to join together their stories.

We gratefully acknowledge the sovereign homelands of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (*Coast Miwok/Southern Pomo* Nations) upon which the Indigenous Forum and Bioneers Conference in San Rafael, California take place. We recognize and respect their sovereignty.

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