

# AGENDA

## First Annual Conference on Native American Nutrition

### From Knowledge to Practice: Using Both Indigenous Wisdom and Academic Research to Improve Native American Nutrition

#### Preliminary Agenda

September 26-27, 2016 ❖ Mystic Lake Casino Hotel

#### SEPTEMBER 25

Welcome gathering (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

7:00-9:00 Light appetizers and cash bar

#### SEPTEMBER 26

Breakfast (7:30-8:30 a.m.)

8:30-9:00 Opening ceremony and welcome

- *Charlie Vig*  
Chairman, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
- *Eric Kaler*  
President, University of Minnesota (invited)

#### Session 1: Framing the conference: Context, purpose and outcomes

9:00-9:15 "Feeding ourselves: Historical and contemporary challenges to healthy nutrition in Indian Country"

- *Crystal Echo Hawk* (Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma)  
President and CEO, Echo Hawk Consulting
- *Janie Hipp, JD, LLM* (Chickasaw Nation)  
Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative  
Law Professor, University of Arkansas

9:15-10:30 Goals of the conference (four brief talks)

"Highlighting innovative work In Indian Country"

- *Gary Ferguson, MD* (Unangan/Aleut)  
Community Health Services Senior Director, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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**“Developing partnerships”**

- Abigail Echo Hawk, MA (Kitkehahki Band of Pawnee Nation/Upper Athabascan People of Mentasta Village, Alaska)  
Co-Director, Partnerships for Native Health, Washington State University

**“Translating research into policy and practice”**

- Tiffany Beckman, MD, MPH (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)  
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

**“Building momentum to improve Native American nutrition”**

- Janie Hipp, JD, LLM (Chickasaw Nation)  
Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative  
Law Professor, University of Arkansas

**10:30-10:45** Break

## **Session 2: Improving Native American health by translating evidence-based research into practice, as well as the use of practice-based knowledge**

**10:45-11:15** **“Building trust and maintaining relationships between researchers and Native American communities”**

- Abigail Echo Hawk, MA (Kitkehahki band of Pawnee Nation/Upper Athabascan People of Mentasta Village, Alaska)  
Co-Director, Partnerships for Native Health, Washington State University
- Kenneth Smoker Jr., MBA (Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Montana)  
Director, Fort Peck Tribes Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program

**11:15-12:00** **Simultaneous sessions 1**

**Track A: Healthy eating/nutrition education**

**“Eagle Adventure Diabetes Prevention Program”**

- Sarah Miracle, MBA, RD, LD  
Get Fresh! SNAP-ED Program Manager, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services
- Jill Fox, MPH (Chickasaw)  
Get Fresh! Eagle Adventure Coordinator, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services
- Stephany Parker, PhD  
Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University

**Track B: Improving Native food systems**

**“Store outside your door: Indigenous food and health of Alaskan Natives”**

- Gary Ferguson, MD (Unangan/Aleut)  
Community Health Services Senior Director, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (invited)

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## Track C: Social determinants of nutritional health

### “What are social determinants of nutritional health in the context of Indian Country?”

- *Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma)  
President and CEO, Echo Hawk Consulting (invited)*
- *Janie Hipp, JD, LLM (Chickasaw Nation)  
Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative  
Law Professor, University of Arkansas*

## Lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.)

12:30-1:00 TBD

- *Faith Spotted Eagle (Yankton Sioux)  
Braveheart Society, Ihanktonwan Dakota Territory South Dakota*

1:00-1:50

## Simultaneous sessions 2

### Track A: Healthy eating/nutrition education

#### “Healthy children, strong families: Family-based lifestyle promotion in Indian Country”

- *Alexandra Adams, PhD  
Professor and Director, Center for American Indian and Rural Health Equity, Montana State University*

### Track B: Improving Native food systems

#### “A fresh look at what you (think) you know about the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Package”

- *Holly Hunts, PhD  
Associate Professor, Montana State University*

### Track C: Social determinants of nutritional health

#### “Stress among Oklahoma Choctaws caring for dependents with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes”

- *J. Neil Henderson, PhD (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma)  
Professor and Leader, Medical Discovery Team on Health Equity: Rural Health Access and American Indian Health, University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth*

1:50-2:00

Break

2:00-2:50

## Simultaneous sessions 3

### Track A: Healthy eating/nutrition education

#### “Diabetes prevention in the Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project (KSDPP): Mobilizing communities to improve health and prevent diabetes through food interventions based on Indigenous knowledge”

- *Treena Delormier, PhD (Mohawk)  
Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii*
- *Aianóhon Kaylia Marquis, BA (Mohawk)  
Food Security Coordinator, Ieiénthos Akotióhkwa Planting Group, Kanien'kehàka*

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## Track B: Improving Native food systems

### “Improving the food environment in Native communities”

- Joel Gittelsohn, PhD  
Professor, Johns Hopkins University
- Marla Pareda (Diné Nation)  
Field Research Coordinator, Johns Hopkins University

## Track C: Social determinants of nutritional health

### “The ancestral human microbiome: Impacts of modern practices and consequences for Indigenous nutritional health”

- Maria Gloria Dominguez-Bello, PhD  
Associate Professor, New York University School of Medicine
- Hortensia Caballero Arias, PhD  
Centro de Antropología del Instituto Venezolano de Investigaciones Científicas (IVIC), Caracas, Venezuela

2:50-3:15 Break

## Model programs in Indian Country

3:15-3:40 “The Nisqually Garden Project: Improving nutritional and spiritual health, sharing knowledge, and developing community enterprise and sustainability”

- Caitlin Krenn (Nisqually)  
Supervisor, Community Garden Program (invited)

3:40-4:05 TBD

- Faith Spotted Eagle (Yankton Sioux)  
Braveheart Society, Ihanktonwan Dakota Territory, South Dakota
- Tiffany Beckman, MD, MPH (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)  
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

4:05-4:30 “Food is our medicine: Healthy First Nations”

- Ken Parker, CNLP (Seneca Nation)  
Project Manager, Seneca Nation of Indians and Seneca Diabetes Foundation

4:30-4:55 “Oneida Community Integrated Food System”

- Joanie Buckley (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin)  
Internal Services Division Director, Oneida Community Integrated Food System

4:55-5:00 Closing

5:00-6:00 Break

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## Reception (6-9:30 p.m.)

6:00-7:00      Cocktail hour and poster session

7:00-9:30      Dinner

**Keynote: "Feeding the spirit"**

- Valerie Segrest, MS (Muckleshoot)  
Coordinator, Northwest Indian College Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project (invited)

## SEPTEMBER 27

Breakfast (7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.)

8:30-8:45      Recap of Day 1 and introduction to breakout sessions

## Session 3: Moving forward together to improve Native American nutrition

8:45-10:45      Breakout sessions

**Track A: Healthy eating/nutrition education**

**Track B: Improving Native food systems**

**Track C: Social determinants of nutritional health**

8:45-9:45      *Mapping exercise: What innovative/successful work is being done and by whom?*

9:45-10:15      *Where are the knowledge gaps?*

10:15-10:30      *What resources are needed?*

10:30-10:45      *What is the role of land-grant institutions?*

10:45-11:00      Break

11:00-11:45      Report back to whole group

Lunch (11:45-12:45 p.m.)      Lunch

12:15-12:45      **"Indigenous peoples' food systems: Global awareness and action"**

- Harriet Kuhnlein, PhD  
Professor Emerita, McGill University  
Founding Director, Centre for Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment

12:45-1:30      **"Navigating grant opportunities to improve Native American nutrition"**

- David Epsey  
Grantee Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control
- Sheila Fleischhacker  
Senior Public Health and Science Policy Advisor, National Institute of Health
- Justin Kii Huenemann (Navajo Nation)  
President and CEO, Notah Begay III Foundation
- Livia Marques  
National Program Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- Moderator: Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma)  
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**1:30-2:15**      **Next generation: Native American youth presentations**

**“Pre- and post-colonization change in Native American Diet”**

- *Rachael Cornelius, BS (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin)*

**“THRIVE: Implementing healthy convenience stores in Tribal nations”**

- *Jordan Hearod, MPH (Choctaw)*  
*Doctoral Student in Health Promotion, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center*

**“Health and wellness programming in urban Native American communities: The importance of Native American educators”**

- *Jason Champagne (Red Lake Band of Chippewa)*  
*MPH Student in Public Health Nutrition, University of Minnesota*  
*Chef, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community*

**TBD**

- *Brandon One-Feather (invited)*

**2:15-3:00**      **“Building momentum to improve Native American nutrition”**

- *Panel discussion*

**Closing ceremony (3:00-3:15 p.m.)**