Sustainable Wisdom

Integrating Indigenous Know-How for Global Flourishing

September 11–15, 2016    University of Notre Dame
Hosted by the University of Notre Dame, in the homeland of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
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How can we integrate the best of modern technology and capacities with the wisdom of first nations? The conference presents the mindsets, practices, and wisdom of first nation peoples across multiple disciplines.

The goals of the conference are to:

- Increase understanding of “first ways”.
- Demonstrate how indigenous cultures foster wisdom, morality, and flourishing.
- Find commonalities among different indigenous societies in fostering these outcomes.
- Develop synergistic approaches to shifting human imagination towards “first ways.”

The symposium will help us envision ways to move toward integrating helpful modern advances with first ways into a new encompassing viewpoint, where the greater community of life (diverse human and nonhuman entities) are included in conceptions of well-being and practices that lead to flourishing.

**Schedule**

*All events in McKenna Hall Auditorium, Atrium or Lower Level unless otherwise noted*

**Sunday, September 11**

3–4 p.m.  **Tour of Notre Dame campus native sites and murals**  
Meet in Atrium

4–5 p.m.  **History of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi**  
*location*  
John Low, The Ohio State University; enrolled citizen, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi

5:30–7:30 p.m.  **Opening celebration and reception**  
Holy Cross Hill, by St. Mary’s Lake  
To walk over, meet at 5 p.m. in Morris Inn lobby or at 5:15 p.m. in Grotto

**Program:**

- **Prayers**  
  Rev. Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C., and Cherokee  
  Clarence White, elder, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi

- **Welcome**  
  John Warren, chairman, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi  
  Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C., director, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame

- **Drumming and dancing**  
  Talking circle on need and hopes for conference  
  (Remick Commons and Courtyard)

**Monday, September 12**

7:30 a.m.  **Registration and continental breakfast for registered guests**  
Atrium

8:15 a.m.  **Welcome and introduction**  
Atrium  
Darcia Narvaez, program co-chair, University of Notre Dame  
Brian Collier, program co-chair, University of Notre Dame  
Kerry Steiner, Executive Director, Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission  
Marcus Winchester, Director of language and culture, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi
**Understanding History**

Auditorium
Penny Spikins, *University of York*

9:30–10:30 a.m.  "Preserving Indigenous Ethnohistory and Ecological Knowledge"
Auditorium
Christopher Ball, *University of Notre Dame*

10:30–11:30 a.m.  "Boarding Schools and Education"
Auditorium
Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert (Hopi), *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

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**Ways of Knowing and Learning**

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  "Mother Earth vs. Mother Lode: Native Environmental Ethos, Sustainability, and Human Survival"
Auditorium
Bruce Johansen, *University of Nebraska Omaha*

12:30–1:30 p.m.  Lunch for registered guests
Lower level

1:30–2:30 p.m.  "Spirit of the Salmon: Indigenous Spirituality and Sustainability in the Columbia Basin"
Auditorium
Andrew H. Fisher, *College of William and Mary*

2:30–3:30 p.m.  "Modern (Intellectual) Shamans and Wisdom for Sustainability"
Auditorium
Sandra Waddock, *Boston College*

3:30–4:30 p.m.  Talking circle discussion
Auditorium
Four Arrows (Cherokee), *Fielding Graduate University*
David Abram, *Alliance for Wild Ethics*

4:30–5:30 p.m.  Poster session and art display
Rooms 100–104

5:30–6:15 p.m.  Tour of campus native sites and murals
Meet in Atrium

5:30–7:30 p.m.  Dinner on your own

7:30 p.m.  Native short films: *Isabelle’s Garden, Waadookodaading, Awakening of the Spirit, Murray Porter, Manoomin, Prayers in a Song, Shadow Dances and Fire Scars, My Home, Activist Mother*
Auditorium
Free and open to the public

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**Tuesday, September 13**

8 a.m.  Continental breakfast for registered guests
Atrium

8:50 a.m.  Opening remarks
Auditorium

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**Ways of Being and Ways of Becoming a Virtuous Person**

9–10 a.m.  "Indigenous Spirituality: A Matter of Significance"
Auditorium
Four Arrows (Wahinkpe Topa), aka Don Trent Jacobs (Cherokee),
*Fielding Graduate University*

10–11 a.m.  "Spiritual Connections, Obligations and Outcomes: The Foundation of Tlingit Existence"
Auditorium
Steve Langdon, *University of Alaska Anchorage (emeritus)*

11 a.m.–noon  "Regenerating the Roots of Indigeneity: Resurgence and Resilience in Troubling Times"
Auditorium
Waziyatawin (Dakota), Makoce Ikikcupi

Noon–1 p.m.  Lunch for registered guests
Lower level

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**Ways of Healing and Spirituality**

1–2 p.m.  "Woman Is the Mother of All': Rising from the Earth"
Auditorium
Barbara Mann (Seneca), *University of Toledo*

2–3 p.m.  "Orality, Literacy, and the Animate Earth"
Auditorium
David Abram, *Alliance for Wild Ethics*

3–4 p.m.  "Guidance from the Trembling Aspen"
Auditorium
White Standing Buffalo (Métis), storyteller

4–5 p.m.  Talking circle discussion
Auditorium
Special guest: Hugh Page, *University of Notre Dame professor of theology and Africana studies; vice president and associate provost; dean, First Year of Studies*

5:30–7 p.m.  Dinner on your own
### Wednesday, September 14

#### Ways of Doing Science and Relating to Nature

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#### Art, Wisdom, and Transformation

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<td>“Ancient Light: Picto-Poems and Ekphrastic Poetry”</td>
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<td>Kim Blaeser (Anishinaabe), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; poet laureate of Wisconsin; conference poet-in-residence</td>
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#### Closing ceremony

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About the Conference

Speaker books
Many books are available at a table in the atrium throughout the conference. There is also a special display at the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore. Look for a book list in your folder.

Book Store Hours:
Mo 9/12: 8:30–1:30; 3-5
Tu 9/13: 8:30-1:30; 3:30-5
We 9/14: 8:30-1:30 ; 2:30-5
Th 9/15: 8:30-12:30

Conference videos
Videos will be available after the conference at: sustainablewisdomatnd.com

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