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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Anthony Chee Emerson, “Placing Stars,” 2015, acrylic on canvas.
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 conference 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

**Sunday, September 11**

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<td>3–4 p.m.</td>
<td>Tour of Notre Dame campus native sites and murals</td>
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<td>4–5 p.m.</td>
<td>History of the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi</td>
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<td>McGlinn Family Room in Visitation Hall</td>
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<td>John Low, The Ohio State University; enrolled citizen,</td>
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<td>Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi</td>
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<td>5:30–8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Opening celebration and reception</td>
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<td>Holy Cross Hill, by St. Mary’s Lake</td>
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<td>To walk over, meet at 5 p.m. in Morris Inn lobby or at 5:15 p.m. in Grotto</td>
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**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**  
  - Pokagon Band dancers
- **Reception**  
  - Talking circle on need for and hopes for conference
  - Remick Commons and Courtyard

**Monday, September 12**

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<td>7:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Registration and continental breakfast for registered guests</td>
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<td>Atrium</td>
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<td>8:15 a.m.</td>
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- 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

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<td>9:30–10:30 a.m.</td>
<td>“Preserving Indigenous Ethnohistory and Ecological Knowledge”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Christopher Ball, University of Notre Dame</td>
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<td>10:30–11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>“Boarding Schools and Education”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Matthew Sakiestewa Gilbert (Hopi), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</td>
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## Ways of Knowing and Learning

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<td>11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</td>
<td>“Mother Earth vs. Mother Lode: Native Environmental Ethos, Sustainability, and Human Survival”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Bruce Johansen, University of Nebraska Omaha</td>
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<td>12:30–1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Lunch for registered guests</td>
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<td>1:30–2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>“Spirit of the Salmon: Indigenous Spirituality and Sustainability in the Columbia Basin”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Andrew H. Fisher, College of William and Mary</td>
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<td>2:30–3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>“Modern (Intellectual) Shamans and Wisdom for Sustainability”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Sandra Waddock, Boston College</td>
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<td>3:30–4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Talking circle discussion</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Four Arrows (Cherokee), Fielding Graduate University, David Abram, Alliance for Wild Ethics</td>
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<td>4:30–5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Poster session and art display</td>
<td>Rooms 100–104</td>
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<td>5:30–6:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Tour of campus native sites and murals</td>
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<td>Dinner on your own</td>
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<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Free and open to the public</td>
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## Tuesday, September 13

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

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<td>9–10 a.m.</td>
<td>“Indigenous Spirituality: A Matter of Significance”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Four Arrows (Wahinkpe Topa), aka Don Trent Jacobs (Cherokee), Fielding Graduate University</td>
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<td>10–11 a.m.</td>
<td>“Spiritual Connections, Obligations and Outcomes: The Foundation of Tlingit Existence”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Steve Langdon, University of Alaska Anchorage (emeritus)</td>
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<td>11 a.m.–noon</td>
<td>“Regenerating the Roots of Indigeneity: Resurgence and Resilience in Troubling Times”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Waziyatawin (Dakota), Makoce Ikikcupi</td>
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<td>Noon–1 p.m.</td>
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### Ways of Healing and Spirituality

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<td>1–2 p.m.</td>
<td>“Woman Is the Mother of All: Rising from the Earth”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Barbara Mann (Seneca), University of Toledo</td>
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<td>2–3 p.m.</td>
<td>“Orality, Literacy, and the Animate Earth”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>David Abram, Alliance for Wild Ethics</td>
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<td>3–4 p.m.</td>
<td>“Guidance from the Trembling Aspen”</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>White Standing Buffalo (Métis), storyteller</td>
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<td>4–5 p.m.</td>
<td>Talking circle discussion</td>
<td>Auditorium</td>
<td>Special guest: Hugh Page, University of Notre Dame professor of theology and Africana studies; vice president and associate provost; dean, First Year of Studies</td>
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| 3–5 p.m. | Talking circle discussion, including next steps  
Auditorium  
Special guests:  
Dominick Chanoler, research associate professor in Notre Dame’s Department of Biological Sciences  
Matthew Kloser, director of Notre Dame’s Center for STEM Education; faculty member, the Institute for Educational Initiatives |
| 5–6:30 p.m. | Bus transportation to Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture  
Front of conference center (bus departs every half hour) |
| 5:15–6:30 p.m. | Music, Dancing, Storytelling, Food  
Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture  
Open to the public |
| 5:30 p.m. | Program  
Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture  
Open to the public  
Children’s arts presentations, conference poem by poet-in-residence Kim Blaeser, and art by artist-in-residence Anthony Chee Emerson |
| 7:30–9 p.m. | Bus transportation to Notre Dame Campus  
Front of Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture (bus departs every half hour) |

### Wednesday, September 14

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

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| 8 a.m. | Continental breakfast for registered guests  
Atrium |
| 8:30 a.m. | Opening remarks  
Auditorium |
| 9–10 a.m. | “Nature Sense to Innate Wisdom: Effective Connection Modeling & Regenerating Human Beings”  
Auditorium  
Jon Young, author |
| 10–11 a.m. | “Indigenous Science”  
Auditorium  
Greg Cajete (Tewa), University of New Mexico |
| 11 a.m.–noon | “Indigenous Science Education: From STEM to STEAM”  
Auditorium  
Megan Bang (Ojibwe), University of Washington |

| Noon-1 p.m. | Lunch for registered guests  
McKenna Hall, lower level |

#### Ways of Leadership and Communal Life

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| 1–2 p.m. | “The Fortress, the River and the Garden: New Metaphors for Knowledge Symbiosis”  
Auditorium  
Robin W. Kimmerer (Potawatomi), State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry |
| 2–3 p.m. | “ENOUGHNESS: Indigenous Economics 101”  
Auditorium  
Rebecca Adamson (Cherokee), First Peoples Worldwide |

### Thursday, September 15

#### Art, Wisdom, and Transformation

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| 8 a.m. | Continental breakfast for registered guests  
Atrium |
| 8:50 a.m. | Opening remarks  
Auditorium |
| 9–10 a.m. | “Aki-gikendamowin (Learning from the Land): Indigenous Art, Ecology, and Aesthetics”  
Auditorium  
Dylan Miner (Wiisaakodewinini), Michigan State University |
| 10–11 a.m. | “Ancient Light: Picto-Poems and Ekphrastic Poetry”  
Auditorium  
Kim Blaeser (Anishinaabe), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; poet laureate of Wisconsin; conference poet-in-residence |
| 11 a.m.–noon | Closing ceremony  
Auditorium |
About the Conference

Speaker books
Look for a book list in your folder. 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.

Book Table 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

Program chairs
Brian Collier, interim director of native initiatives and graduate faculty, Institute for Educational Initiatives, University of Notre Dame
Darcia Narvaez, professor of psychology, University of Notre Dame

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