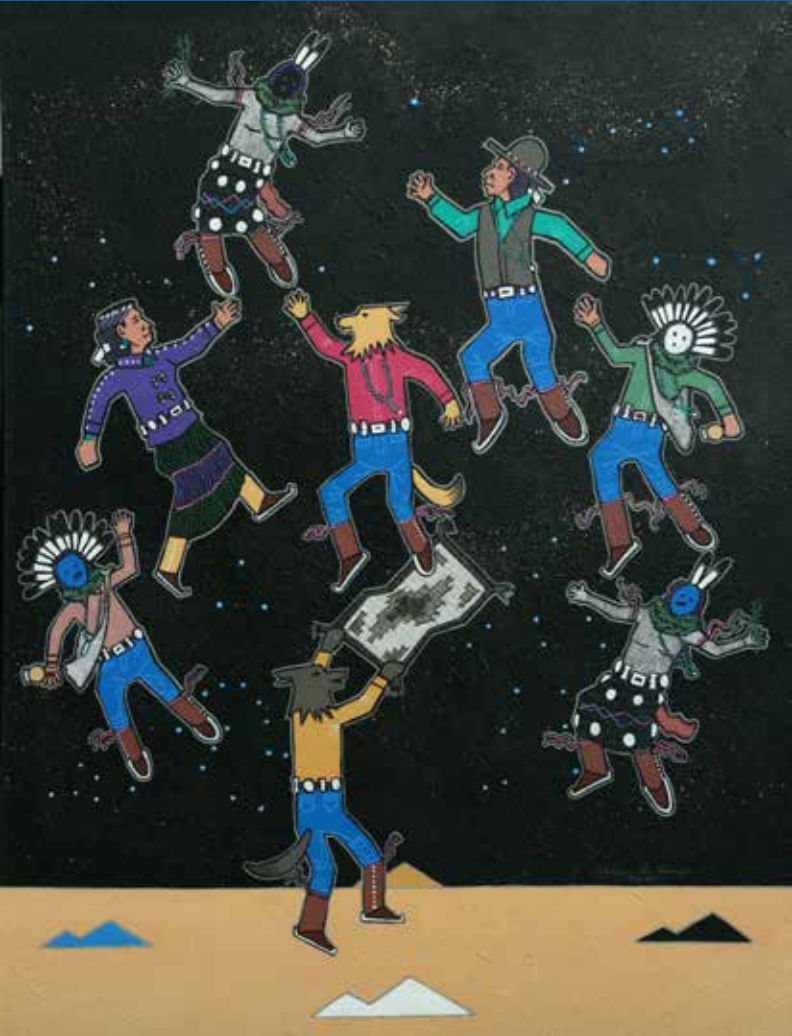


# Sustainable Wisdom

## Integrating Indigenous Know-How for Global Flourishing



Anthony Chee Emerson, "Placing Stars," 2015, acrylic on canvas.

**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 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

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**  
McGlinn Family Room in Visitation Hall  
John Low, *The Ohio State University; enrolled citizen, Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi*
- 5:30-8:30 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**  
Pokagon Band dancers
- Reception**
- Talking circle on need for 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**  
Auditorium  
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

- 9-9:30 a.m.** **"The Deep Past: What Can Ancient Hunter-gatherers Tell Us About Human Nature?"**  
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*

### 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

## Tuesday, September 13

- 8 a.m.** **Continental breakfast for registered guests**  
Atrium
- 8:50 a.m.** **Opening remarks**  
Auditorium

### 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-1p.m.** **Lunch for registered guests**  
Lower level

### 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**

*Ways of Healing and Spirituality (continued)*

- 7-8 p.m.**      **"Native Voices" exhibition**  
Hesburgh Library  
*Free and open to the public*
- 8 p.m.**      **"Daughters of Mother Earth: The Wisdom of Native American Women"**  
Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library  
*Free and open to the public*  
Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabekwe), *Honor the Earth*

## Wednesday, September 14

*Ways of Doing Science and Relating to Nature*

- 8 a.m.**      **Continental breakfast for registered guests**  
Atrium
- 8:50 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*

- 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*

*Ways of Leadership and Communal Life (continued)*

- 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**      **Music, Dancing, Storytelling, Food**  
Notre Dame Center for Arts and Culture  
*Open to the public*

- 6:30**      **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)

## Thursday, September 15

*Art, Wisdom, and Transformation*

- 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](http://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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