

Agenda: Monday, August 22, 2011

All sessions will be held in the Beaulieu Room

Jill Doerfler - Master of Ceremonies

7:00 – 7:45 am

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be available in the Bejou Room

8:00 am

OPENING BLESSING

8:20 – 9:10 am

SETTING THE STAGE – BRIDGING WORLDVIEWS

Karl Lorenz, Director of Diversity Programs, U of M

Using artwork developed for this symposium, the opening presentation will set the stage for our focus on the relationship between water and wild rice, university research and traditional indigenous values. This sculpture reflects this theme, combined with a presentation, will facilitate reflection and provide context for our journey in building bridges between native and non-native perspectives on water, wild rice, knowledge, culture and the relationship between them.

9:10 – 9:50 am

WELCOME

Jill Doerfler, Master of Ceremonies

10:00 – 11:30 am

WHITE PAPER PRESENTATION

Erma Vizenor, Tribal Chairwoman, White Earth Nation

Robert Jones, Senior Vice President, U of M

Allen S. Levine, Dean, CFANS, U of M

In 2009, White Earth Nation Chairwoman Erma Vizenor called for the creation of a White Paper to identify issues where University and tribal interests could begin to engage in a meaningful dialogue. Today, the completed document will be presented to the University of Minnesota on behalf of the Tribal Nations of Northern Minnesota. The document offers recommendations for action to further protect manoomin while continuing the ongoing process of building mutual trust and respect.

11:30 am

INTRODUCTION – ECUADORIAN DELEGATION

Wannetta Bennett, President, White Earth Tribal & Community College

11:45 - 12:30 pm

LUNCH

Lunch will be served in the Bejou Room

1:00 pm

OSHKAABEWISAG – WILD RICE CAMP

William "Bill" Paulson, Director, Oshkaabewisag

Busses depart for Wild Rice Camp from Shooting Star Casino Event Center Side Entrance

Busses depart for Shooting Star Casino Event Center from Wild Rice Camp at 6:00 and 8:00 pm

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ANISHINAABE LIFEWAYS AND WORLDVIEWS

Rick Defoe, *Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*

Dorothy Sam, *Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*

Josephine Mandamin, *Wikwemikong Anishinaabe*

Moderated by: Vikki Howard, *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe*

Elders are accorded a central role as the primary source of cultural knowledge. It should be understood that the identification of "Elders" as culture-bearers is not simply a matter of chronological age, but a function of the respect accorded to individuals in each community who exemplify the values and lifeways of the local culture and who possess the wisdom and willingness to pass their knowledge on to future generations. Respected Elders serve as the philosophers, professors and visionaries of a cultural community. In addition, many aspects of cultural knowledge can be learned from other members of a community who have not yet been recognized as Elders, but seek to practice and teach local lifeways in culturally-appropriate ways.

10:00 – 10:45 am

NATURAL RESOURCE YOUTH PROJECTS

Leech Lake Tribal College Interns: *Cedric Fairbanks*

White Earth Science and Math Academy: *Erika Bellanger, Kiki Keezer and Lalaria Walker*

White Earth Pathways to a Greener Future: *Jacob Neeland, Simon Zornes, Jamie Randberg, Scott Lafriniere and David Estey*

Fond du Lac Manoomin and NCED Project: *Sheldon Misquadace, Andrew Kochen, Matt Weingart, Misty Rose Peterson, Lynda Morrison, Mary Anderson, June Sayers, Morgan DeLile, Warren Mountain, Dana Houle-McFatrige, Guy Houle-McFatrige, and Jaelisa Northrup*

Moderated by: Mark Bellcourt, *White Earth Nation*

Anishinaabe youth from White Earth, Leech Lake and Fond du Lac Tribal communities are learning about protecting water and wild rice through partnership programs that involve tribal natural resource managers, Tribal Colleges and University of Minnesota faculty. Students have been involved in water quality programs, storm water education, wild rice protection and renewable energy programs.

10:45 – 11:00 am

BREAK

Refreshments & snacks will be available in the Beaulieu Room

11:00 – 12:30 pm

WATER: THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR YOUTH
SPECIAL BREAK-OUT SESSION FOR YOUTH ONLY

Meeting Room: Ogema

Dawn Newman, American Indian and Tribal Partnership Liaison, U of M
Shirley Nordrum, Environmental Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Renee Pardello, Assistant Dean, Extension Center, U of M

This participative session for “youth only” will provide a space to share about their work, ideas on water issues, where efforts should be invested and how this relates to their values. Youth will have the opportunity to articulate their interests when it comes to the topic of Nibi.

11:00 – 12:30 pm

ANISHINAABE TREATIES

David E. Wilkins, American Indian Studies, U of M
Jim Schlender, Tribal Attorney, White Earth Nation
Terrance Nelson, Chief Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation

The U.S. considers treaties the supreme law of land and made hundreds of treaties with Native nations. This panel will begin with an overview of the treaty process in the U.S. at large, including a discussion of the different motivations for and types of treaties. Common misconceptions about treaties will be addressed. Anishinaabeg nations made over 30 treaties with the U.S. Anishinaabeg treaties will be discussed in detail, including information on the establishment of reservations, ceded territories and reserved rights.

12:30 – 1:30 pm

LUNCH

Lunch will be served in the Bejou Room

1:30 – 3:15 pm

MANOOMIN: RISKS AND RESEARCH

Peter David, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Dr. Alexander Kahler, Agronomy and Plant Genetics, U of M
Tom Howes, Fond du Lac Resource Management Division
Dr. Emi Ito, Earth Science Geology/Geophysics, U of M
Michael Price, White Earth Tribal & Community College

Many people have witnessed manoomin becoming less abundant over the past century. This panel will describe some of the ongoing efforts to document the vitality of manoomin and share some learning from these efforts. Panelists will offer thoughts on how this research might be used to protect the manoomin for future generations.

3:15 – 3:30 pm

BREAK

Refreshments & snacks will be available in the Beaulieu Room

3:30 – 4:45 pm


TALKING CIRCLES *(please review Talking Circle Handout)*

5:00 – 5:20 pm

THE OJIBWE PEOPLE’S DICTIONARY (OPD)

Dr. Brenda Child, American and American Indian Studies, U of M
Nora Livesay, Graduate Student, Linguistics, U of M

Part dictionary and part digital repatriation project, this hybrid undertaking is foremost aimed at the 200,000 Ojibwe people who reside in the Great Lakes of the US and Canada and whose language is currently endangered.



5:20 -5:45 pm

BREAK FOR DAY

Please come back and join us for dinner at 5:45 pm

5:45 – 6:45 pm

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Dinner will be served in the Bejou Room

Guest Drum: Smokey Hill

6:30 – 7:30 pm

POSTERS AND INFORMATIONAL DISPLAYS

Will be available in the Beaulieu Room

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7:00 – 7:45 am

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

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8:00 – 9:15 am

OPENING NIBI (WATER) BLESSING

Josephine Mandamin, *Wikwemikong Anishinaabe*

Water was the first living spirit when the earth was created. Anishinaabe Ikwe are the caretakers of the water and many have been taught to lift the water to embrace healing for the people, the earth and all living things that rely on this sacred medicine for life to continue. Josephine Mandamin has graciously accepted to share a part of this knowledge in sharing the basic teachings about nibi. This is a quiet time to reflect and think about how thankful we are everyday to have clean water to cleanse, drink, cook food and to nourish ourselves spiritually.

9:15 – 10:45 am

NIBI: RISKS AND RESEARCH

Shirley Nordrum, Environmental Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Tom Goldtooth, E.D., Indigenous Environmental Network
Robert DesJarlait, Co-Founder, Protect Our Manoomin
Faye Sleeper, Co-Director, Water Resources Center, U of M

Moderated by: Dr. Margaret Adamek

Panelists, comprised of tribal interests and university partners, will speak to contemporary environmental concerns associated with manoomin (wild rice) and nibi (water). This panel discussion will preface the talking circle discussions on the development of a Native American nibi (water) center, located on native land, where these contemporary environmental concerns can be addressed from a traditional indigenous perspective.

10:45 – 11:00 am

BREAK

Refreshments & snacks will be available in the Beaulieu Room

11:00 – 12:15 pm

TALKING CIRCLES (*please review Talking Circle Handout*)

Break into small groups

12:15 – 1:15 pm

LUNCH

Lunch will be served in the Bejou Room

1:15 – 2:30 pm

LARGE GROUP TALKING CIRCLE

2:30 – 3:00 pm

FINAL WRAP-UP

Traveling song and closing prayer for attendees

4:30 pm

U of M Bus departs for Twin Cities from Shooting Star Casino Event Center