

# 2016 Cultural Diversity Series & Tribal Relations Seminar

All events will be at the DSRC Room GC402 with webcast for NOAA OAR & NESDIS marked with asterisk.

## March 31 – Climate Change Adaptation & Exercises of Indigenuity (1:30 pm - 2:30 pm)\*

Dr. Daniel Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations University Professor, will share indigenous ingenuity or “Indigenuity” perspectives on climate change, and how this knowledge is complementary to modern science. He will highlight its important role in adaptation planning. Indigenous knowledge is handed down through generations with traditional stories and beliefs, including their relationship with the natural environment.

After Dan’s presentation, a panel of Haskell students will also share their research and discuss how indigenous knowledge has informed their research. The presentations are part of a two day visit to NOAA Boulder.

## June 2 – Asian Pacific American Heritage – Screening of Ahupua’a film followed by panel discussion from the Kumulau Foundation (11 am - 12 noon)

This film documents the Hawaiian Ahupua’a system of land use that provides access to all resources, from mountains to sea. The panel will include multi-generational Kanaka Oiwi (indigenous Hawaiian) cultural practitioners, who will provide their perspectives on the film and discuss their culture and indigenous knowledge systems. Kumulau Foundation is a Hawaiian-led philanthropic, educational, non-profit entity committed to perpetuating traditional Hawaiian culture through community engagement.

## August 10 – Tribal Relations Seminar – American Indians 101 (10:00 am - 12 noon) \*

The NOAA Tribal Consultation Handbook was developed to provide direction in fulfilling NOAA’s obligation under Executive Order 13175 – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.

The first part of this seminar will give an introduction on the unique relationship between Tribes and the Federal government and focus on Tribal concepts such as Treaties, Tribal Sovereignty, Federal Trust Responsibility, and government-to-government relationships. The second part will provide a basic overview of American Indian culture, cross-cultural communication skills and what to consider when building relationships with Tribes.

### Speakers

Carla Fredericks (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara) – Director, CU American Indian Law Program  
The Unique Relationship between Indian Tribes and the Federal Government

Dr. Grace Sage Musser (Oneida) – Conciliation Specialist, Dept. of Justice (retired)  
Understanding the Culture and Diversity of Tribes

## September 16– Hispanic Heritage – Water is Life: History and Cultural Traditions of Acequias of Northern New Mexico \*

Every society must have a system for capturing, storing, and distributing water. Acequias or “community irrigation systems” are an integral part of the Hispanic culture and community of New Mexico. An overview of the history of Acequias and the relationship between water sharing, belief and attachment to place will be discussed.

Speaker – Dr. Sylvia Rodriguez, Professor Emerita of Anthropology at UNM and  
Author Acequia: Water Sharing, Sanctity, and Place

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