

NATIVE LEADERS AND SCHOLARS FEATURED IN COURSE

Below is a list of Native leaders and scholars who are featured in this course. You may read their personal biographies in the course itself. For the purposes of this course, the term “Native leaders” broadly refers to current and former elected officials, business leaders, and other key decision-makers of Native nations; “scholars” refers to Native or non-Native scholars with expertise on particular course topics.

Featured Native Leaders and Scholars

Edward Allen, Former Chief Executive Officer, Nisga’a Lisims Government

John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Sherry Salway Black, Former Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, National Congress of American Indians

Pat Brown, Fisheries Biologist, Department of Natural Resources, Red Lake Band of Chippewa

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

David Conner, Administrative Officer, Department of Natural Resources, Red Lake Band of Chippewa

Scott Davis, Executive Director, North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

Karen R. Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Frank Ettawageshik, Former Chairman, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Joseph Flies-Away, Former Chief Judge, Hualapai Tribal Court, Hualapai Tribe

Herminia Frias, Former Chairwoman, Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Jamie Fullmer, Former Chairman, Yavapai-Apache Nation

Keller George, Wolf Clan Representative, Oneida Nation Council

Rick George, Director, Environmental Planning and Rights Protection, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Greg Gilham, Former Chairman, Blackfeet Constitutional Reform Committee, Blackfeet Nation

David Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College

Jim Gray, Former Chief, Osage Nation

Suzan Harjo, President and Executive Director, The Morning Star Institute

Robert Hershey, Professor of Law and American Indian Studies, University of Arizona

Sarah Hicks, Chief of Staff, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Karlene Hunter, CEO, Native American Natural Foods

Denny Hurtado, Former Chairman, Skokomish Tribal Nation

Ken James, Former Chief of Police, Flandreau Police Department

Paulette Jordan, Councilwoman, Coeur d’ Alene Tribe

Floyd “Buck” Jourdain, Jr., Chairman, Red Lake Band of Chippewa

Joseph P. Kalt, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

Kevin Killer, Representative, South Dakota Legislature

Leroy LaPlante, Jr., Former Chief Administrative Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Donald “Del” Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Richard Little Hawk, Treasurer, Wakpamni District Council, Oglala Sioux Tribe

Clarence Louie, Chief, Osoyoos Indian Band

Ivan Makil, Former President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010), Former Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

Deron Marquez, Former Chairman, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

Phillip Martin (1928-2010), Former Chairman, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

John McCoy, Former Director, Quil Ceda Village (Tulalip Tribes), and Legislator, State of Washington

Tina Merdanian, Director of Institutional Relations, Red Cloud Indian School

Rebecca A. Miles, Executive Director, Nez Perce Tribe

Antone Minthorn, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla

Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne

Sheila Morago, Executive Director, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

Patricia Ninham-Hoeft, Secretary, Business Committee, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Ben Nuvamsa, Former Chairman, Hopi Tribe

Charles O’Hara, Planning and Community Development Director, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Terrance Paul, Chief, Membertou First Nation

Regis Pecos, Former Governor, Pueblo de Cochiti

Al Pemberton, Director, Department of Natural Resources, Red Lake Band of Chippewa

Samuel N. Penney, Former Chairman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, Nez Perce Tribe

Anthony Pico, Chairman, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Sophie Pierre, Former Chief, Ktunaxa Nation

Jaime Pinkham, Former Treasurer, Nez Perce Tribe

James Ransom, Former Chairman, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Patricia Riggs, Director of Economic Development, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Roy Sampsel, Former Executive Director, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

Benny Shendo, Jr., Former 1st Lieutenant Governor, Pueblo of Jemez

Gerald Sherman, Founding Board Chairman, Lakota Fund

Jerald “Jerry” Smith, Jr., CEO, Laguna Development Corporation

Pat Sweetsir, Middle Yukon Representative, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Kathryn Teneese, Chair, Ktunaxa Nation Council

Rae Nell Vaughn, Former Chief Justice, Mississippi Choctaw Supreme Court

Erma Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth Band of Ojibwe

David Wilkins, Professor of American Indian Studies, University of Minnesota

Patricia Zell, Former Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs