

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 Native nation decision-makers; “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

Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

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

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

Anita Fineday, Former Chief Judge, White Earth Tribal Court

Matthew Fletcher, Chief Justice, Poarch Band of Creek Indians Supreme Court

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

Greg Gilham, Former Chairman, Blackfeet Constitutional Reform Committee, and Former Police Officer, 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, Chief Executive Officer, Native American Natural Foods

Denny Hurtado, Former Chairman, Skokomish Tribal Nation

Paulette Jordan, Councilwoman, Coeur d’Alene Tribe

Miriam Jorgensen, Director of Research, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

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

Leroy LaPlante, Jr., Former Chief Administrative Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and Chief Judge, Crow Creek 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
D. Michael McBride, III, Justice, Pawnee Nation Supreme Court
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
Patricia Ninham-Hoeft, Secretary, Business Committee, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Ben Nuvamsa, Former Chairman, Hopi Tribe
Terrance Paul, Chief, Membertou First Nation
Regis Pecos, Former Governor, Pueblo de Cochiti
Anthony Pico, Chairman, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
Sophie Pierre, Former Chief, Ktunaxa Nation
Jaime Pinkham, Former Treasurer, Nez Perce Tribe
Frank Pommersheim, Chief Justice, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court of Appeals and Rosebud Sioux Supreme Court
Theresa M. Pouley, Chief Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court
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 First Lieutenant Governor, Pueblo of Jemez
Gerald Sherman, Founding Board Chairman, Lakota Fund
Jerald "Jerry" Smith, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Laguna Development Corporation
Melissa Tatum, Former Judge, Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals
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
Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice Emeritus, Navajo Nation Supreme Court
Patricia Zell, Former Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs