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, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, National Congress of American Indians
Eileen Briggs, Executive Director, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Ventures
Eddie Brown, Former Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
Joyce Country, Former Employee Services Social Worker, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Professional Empowerment Program
Karen R. Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Wayne Ducheneaux, Former Chief Administrative Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Diane Enos, President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Frank Ettawageshik, Former Chairman, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tony Fish, Reintegration Program Manager, Muscogee (Creek) Nation
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
Urban Giff, Former Community Manager, Gila River Indian Community
Greg Gilham, Former Chairman, Blackfeet Constitutional Reform Committee, Blackfeet Nation
David Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College
Jason Goodstriker, Former Councilor, Blood Tribe
James R. Gray, Former Principal 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
Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Former Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Jason Holliday, Director of Planning, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Karlene Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, Native American Natural Foods
Denny Hurtado, Former Chairman, Skokomish Tribal Nation
Paulette Jordan, Councilwoman, Coeur d’Alene Tribe
Floyd “Buck” Jourdain, Jr., Chairman, Red Lake Band of Chippewa
Leroy LaPlante, Jr., Former Chief Administrative Officer, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Donald “Del” Laverdure, Former Chief Justice, Crow Tribe Court of Appeals
Richard Little Hawk, Treasurer, Wakpamni District Council, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Clarence Louie, Chief, Osoyoos Indian Band
Richard Luarkie, Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
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
Robert McGhee, Treasurer, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Rebecca A. Miles, Executive Director and Former Chairwoman, Nez Perce Tribe
Antone Minthorn, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
Michael Kanentakeron Mitchell, Grand Chief, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
David Montgomery, Budget Officer, Quinault Indian Nation
Debra Morrow, Tribal Recording Title Search Specialist, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Patricia Ninham-Hoefl, Secretary, Business Committee, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Ned Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O’odham Nation
Ben Nuvamsa, Former Chairman, Hopi Tribe
Charles O’Hara, Planning Director, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
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
Devin Redbird, Former Legislative Council Member, Gila River Indian Community
Patricia Riggs, Director of Economic Development, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Roy Sampsel, Director, Institute for Tribal Government, Portland State University
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
Frances Stout, Chairperson, Tohono O’odham Nursing Care Authority
Arlene Templer, Director, Department of Human Resources Development, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Kathryn Teneese, Chair, Ktunaxa Nation Council
Rae Nell Vaughn, Former Chief Justice, Mississippi Choctaw Supreme Court
Erma Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Teresa Wall-McDonald, Director, Lands Department, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
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