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Preparing Tribal
Food Systems for
Uncertain Times



Restoring the Balance: Preparing Tribal Food Systems for Uncertain Times

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EVENT DETAILS

**Restoring the Balance:
Preparing Tribal Food Systems for Uncertain Times
A Virtual Conference for Northern California Tribes
Hosted by Northern California Tribal Court Coalition**

We hope you can join us for the 2021 Restoring the Balance virtual conference. Each day's activities begin at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

The theme of this year's virtual community event is resilience and food security featuring local, regional, and national food sovereignty leaders. Together we will explore a holistic approach to building and supporting a resilient Tribal food system and the relationship of Tribal food sovereignty to law, policy, traditional resource management, economic development, education, and many other areas that influence the food systems of NCTCC's member Tribes.

We will learn about local and regional projects, deliberate about strategies to strengthen Tribal food security and explore funding opportunities as we contemplate Northern California Indigenous Peoples' relationships with first foods, responsibilities for world renewal, and inherent sovereignty.

If you are a member or employee of the Yurok Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, Trinidad Rancheria, and Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, you are invited to a visioning session on the last day of the gathering. In this space, you can share your big ideas and inspirations, share how you are engaging with your Tribe's food system, and learn from other's experiences.

MEET YOUR HOSTS



Cynthia Boshell

Executive Director,
Northern California Tribal
Court Coalition



Stephanie Dolan

Project Specialist
Northern California Tribal
Court Coalition

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribe

Yurok Chief Judge is an enrolled Yurok Tribal member, she holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of New Mexico School of Law, and was the first California tribal woman to be admitted to the State Bar of California. She was a State Judicial Officer (Commissioner) for the San Francisco Superior Court for over 17 years assigned to the Unified Family Court (Family/Dependency/Delinquency). She retired from the Superior Court in September 2011 and on July 31, 2014 was reappointed as a part-time Commissioner for San Francisco assigned to Dependency, and Duty Judge for that Court where she served until 2015. She has been a Yurok Tribal Court Judge since 1997 and was appointed Chief Tribal Court Judge in 2007, a position she held in conjunction with her Superior Court assignment until 2015.

**Presentation: Connecting Food and Tribal Sovereignty:
Responsibility and Remembrance in Our World**

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Erin Parker, JD, LLM

Erin currently serves as the Director of the Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law, where she leads the Initiative through program development, research and writing, and analysis of legislative and regulatory issues affecting Tribal governments, businesses, and individual producers. Before beginning her work with the Initiative, she worked as a Staff Attorney and Research Coordinator for the Cobell Commission, a national working group convened by the Secretary of the Interior to repair the federal government's Indian land trust management system.

Erin holds both her J.D. and her LL.M. in Agricultural & Food Law from the University of Arkansas.

Visit the IFAI website here: <https://indigenousfoodandag.com>

Presentation: Reflections on Developing Tribal Food and Ag Systems: Where to Start and How to Keep Going

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Carly Griffith Hotvedt, JD, MPA, (Cherokee)

Carly Griffith Hotvedt, a citizen of Cherokee Nation, is a seasoned legal professional, admitted to practice in Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation, with an affinity for government law, agriculture, tribal policy and public administration. In her current role as Director of Tribal Enterprise with the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, she works with tribes and in tribal policy to advance food security and tribal agriculture enterprise development. Prior to joining IFAI, she created and directed the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Muscogee (Creek) Nation, where she initiated an overhaul of the Agribusiness operation resulting in a 70%+ loss margin reduction and set the program on track for profitability.

Carly clerked for the late Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice Marion Opala while in law school, in addition to municipal internships with the City of Lawton and the City of Norman. She has a 100% success rate in the Courts of the Cherokee Nation.

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SPEAKER/PANELIST



Meagen Baldy (Hoopa Valley Tribe)

Meagen Baldy is the Klamath Trinity Resource Conservation District District Coordinator, Director of Cooking Healthy in Indian Country, and is the Pacific Region Intertribal Agricultural Council Executive Board Member.

Presentation: The Resiliency of the Hupa People through Food Sovereignty

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Sara Calvosa Olson (Karuk)

Sara Calvosa Olson is a Karuk home cook working with Indigenous Californian foods and is the author of a forthcoming cookbook on that same topic. With an interest in using both culturally sound & faithfully updated techniques in preparing traditionally Indigenous plants and animals, her cooking inspires a new look at the oldest foods in California.

Learn more about Sara's work here: <https://akihsara.com/sara>

Presentation: The Resilient Native Kitchen

Description: Taking a new look at some of the oldest foods in California.

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Sii~xuutesna Jones
(Tolowa Dee-ni'/Yurok/Karuk/Wintu)

Bio: Coming Soon

Presentation: Rooted in Resiliency

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Elaini Vargas
(Kashia Band of Pomo Indians)

Bio: Coming Soon

Presentation: Coming soon

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Wenix Red Elk (CTUIR)

Bio: Coming soon

Learn more about CTUIR First Food Excursions here:

https://issuu.com/confederatedumatillajournal/docs/cuj_june_2018

Presentation: Keeping the Promise: CTUIR First Foods and Food Systems Working Group

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Taylor Thompson (They/Them) (Cherokee)

Osiyo! I am a two-spirited citizen of the Cherokee Nation and my pronouns are They/Them/Theirs. I am honored to be the Food Sovereignty Division Manager for the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program since its creation in August 2020, where I am working to provide fresh produce and restore access to traditional foods to Yurok Tribal members, who have maintained existence in their ancestral territory since time immemorial. I also serve on the steering committee for the Humboldt State University Native American Studies Food Sovereignty Lab and Cultural Workspace. I graduated from the University of Utah in 2014 with a B.S. in Environmental and Sustainability Studies and a B.S. in Environmental and Organismal Biology. I have called many places “home” throughout my life, including Hawaii, Utah, Ireland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and now on Wiyot land in California.

Read about the Yurok Tribe’s food sovereignty program here:

<https://www.northcoastjournal.com/NewsBlog/archives/2020/12/30/yurok-tribe-purchases-40-acre-land-for-food-security-farm>

Presentation: Starts for Sovereignty: Yurok Food Villages

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Jude Marshall (Hupa, Karuk, and Yurok)

Community Nutrition Manager, United Indian Health Services, Inc. Jude Marshall is a local, tribal cultural practitioner and traditional foods enthusiast. Jude is Hupa, Karuk, and Yurok. Jude earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Recreation Administration with a minor in Native American Studies from Humboldt State University and is currently the Community Nutrition Program Manager at the Potawot Health Village in Arcata, CA. He oversees the thriving Potawot Community Food Garden that supplies healthy nutrition to many Native families along the coast. Jude brings with him a great deal of knowledge and experience on providing healthy activities to Native families in Humboldt and Del Norte regions. Jude's passion for good food and nutrition is something that he's experienced firsthand, how eating in a way that resembles the local native traditional diet can transform lives and communities. "To have strong Tribal Nations we must have strong and healthy individuals... We must eat and move like our ancestors." Jude believes to be physically healthy, it starts with nutrition. When it comes to eating healthy and building healthy communities, Jude believes Tribal Nations need to have control of their food systems. "Tribal Nations must have Food Sovereignty. To be able to control and manage all of the factors that contribute towards a self-sufficient food system. We must feed ourselves from our resources from within. We need to constantly work on weaving the food web, one strand at a time."

Presentation: Food Is Good Medicine

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Keir Johnson (Osage Nation)

Keir Johnson-Reyes is a member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma and works for Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), the nation's largest and longest-standing Native American agriculture organization. As a Technical Assistance Specialist with IAC, Keir serves 138 California and Nevada Tribal communities and individual agricultural producers by assisting with eligibility, access, and interface involving federal, state, local, and organizational resources. Keir's areas of focus include agriculture, natural resources/land management, community development, government to government intermediacy, and Native youth leadership development. He has a background in education, outreach, traditional seed preservation, organic vegetable production, community engagement, project development and administration, and permaculture design. During his tenure with IAC, Keir has co-developed the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) California Tribal Conservation Advisory Council and is currently working with Tribal and agency representatives in Nevada to develop a state-level Tribal advisory council there. He served as a coordinating lead author on the California Tribal Climate Assessment as part of the state's 4th Climate Assessment. In 2015, Keir co-founded the Braiding the Sacred network of indigenous traditional corn growers which focuses on supporting the perpetuation of traditional heirloom corn varieties from Canada to South America, with a focus on communities in the United States. He has individually visited and coordinated with nearly one hundred Tribes in the region he serves and beyond.

Learn more about IAC programs here: <https://www.indianag.org>

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Corine Pearce(She/her) (Little River Band of Pomo Indians)

Corine Pearce(She/her) is a basket weaver, herbalist, dancer, storyteller and cultural educator with ancestry from Lake and Mendocino county. She is an enrolled member from the Little River Band of Pomo Indians located in Redwood Valley, Ca.

Corine has taught classes focused on traditional uses of native plants, land stewardships, and fire ecology, as well as basket weaving and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) for over 25years. Corine teaches in her community through several entities including museums, tribal education centers and local school districts. Corine was recently a guest presenter at the 40th annual EcoFarm conference.

She is the author of Pomo Cradle Baskets: An introduction, and has been featured in the PBS program Craft in America 'California' episode. Corine was nominated for the United States Artist Fellowship in 2019 and is a 2020 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award recipient as well as 2020 inaugural Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellow.

Learn about Corine's work here: <https://corinepearce.com> Buy a copy of Corine's book here: <https://beautyandlove.org/2018/04/08/beauty-love-publishing-debut/>

Presentation: Native plants for wellness and resilience

SPEAKER/PANELIST



Colleen Sanders

Colleen has been working with CTUIR First Foods Policy Program for over three years and has been engaged with local food systems and small scale agriculture for over a decade. She channeled her passion for wild systems into a Bachelors of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology from the University of British Columbia, and while working in the food industry after graduating, decided to translate her belief in food as the answer to a Masters of Science degree in Community Food Systems, and a graduate certificate in Sustainable Agriculture from Washington State University. While not a tribal member herself, Colleen has lived and worked in Umatilla County since 2013, and has the honor of examining the impacts that climate change will have on CTUIR's build, social, and natural resources, and has worked with climate change issues in rural Oregon with the grassroots Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition (EOC3) since 2015, of which she was the founding chair of the board of directors. She spends her non-existent free time building a closer connection with her food, land, and community in Pendleton, Oregon, as well as way of improving food access and resilience for the people who live there.

Learn more about Colleen's work here: <https://ctuir.org/departments/natural-resources/climate-adaptation/>

Presentation: Promising the Future: CTUIR Climate Adaptation Rooted in First Foods Resilience

PLANNING RESILIENT TRIBAL FOOD SYSTEMS

WEDNESDAY,
JAN 27, 2021

DAY ONE

Topics will focus on food policy, legislation, long-term planning, economic development, Tribal sovereignty and strengthening resilience.

9:00 AM WELCOMING

9:20 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Connecting Food and Tribal Sovereignty:
Responsibility and Remembrance in Our
World

Hon. Abby Abinanti,
Yurok Tribal Court

10:30 AM PANEL

Reflections on Developing Tribal Food and
Agriculture Systems: Where to Start and
How to Keep Going with
Erin Parker and Carly Griffith-Hotvedt,
Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

12:10 PM SPEAKER

Meagen Baldy

1:10 PM SPEAKER

Rooted in Resiliency
Sii-xuutesna-Jones

2:00 PM PARTING WORDS



SUPPORTING A RESILIENCE MOVEMENT

THURSDAY,
JAN 28, 2021

DAY TWO

Topics of importance to Tribal food producers including resource expansion, entrepreneurship, well being, and sovereignty.

9:00 AM WELCOMING

9:20 AM SPEAKER/DEMONSTRATION
Sara Calvosa Olsen (Karuk)

10:00 AM PANEL
Jude Marshall,
United Indian Health Services

Taylor Thompson, Yurok Tribe
Environmental Program

Kier Johnson-Reyes,
Intertribal Agriculture Council

11:40 PM SPEAKER
Corine Pearce

12:25 PM PARTING WORDS



SHOWCASING TRIBAL FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCE

FRIDAY,
JAN 29, 2021

DAY THREE

Speakers share their Tribes' journeys to more resilient food systems and the ability to withstand uncertainty.

9:00 AM WELCOMING

9:20 AM SPEAKER

Wenix Red Elk, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

10:30 AM SPEAKER

Colleen Sanders, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

11:40 PM PANEL

Strategies, Resources, and Funding Opportunities to Implement Tribal Food Sovereignty Programs with Carly Griffith-Hotvedt, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and Keir Johnson-Reyes, Intertribal Agriculture Council

12:45 PARTING WORDS

1:00PM-1:45 PM LUNCH

1:45 PM TRIBAL VISIONING SESSION

An opportunity for leaders, staff, and members of NCTCC's member Tribes to converse with speakers and one another about the future of Tribal food sovereignty.





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- Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas
- Intertribal Agriculture Council
- California Indian Museum and Cultural Center
- Dahotra Consulting and Design
- Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
- Yurok Tribe
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria
- Hoopa Valley Tribe
- Trinidad Rancheria
- Karuk Tribe
- United Indian Health Services

THANK YOU

Thank you for attending
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event and what you would like to see
in the future.

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