

Monday, 9/20/21 Two Sides of a Circle: Ecology and Economy

8:30 Welcome & Opening Ceremony

Intertribal Agriculture Council (Dan Cornelius)

Mary Moose, Opening prayer; and Martin Reinhardt (Opening Drum and Song)

Ellise David (IT support)

9:30 Food Justice & Ethics

“Indigenous Foods Education and Research”

Mae Hey (Anishinaabe), Virginia Tech

Martin Reinhardt (Anishinaabe Ojibway), Northern Michigan University

In this session, Dr. Hey will discuss the land-centered learning experiences she is developing at Virginia Tech to support local food security, food sovereignty, and the re-vitalization of traditional foodways and human-Nature relationships. Dr. Reinhardt will build on this discussion and deepen it through describing his work with treaty food provisions and the Decolonizing Diet Project, an exploratory study of the relationships between humans and Indigenous foods of the Great Lakes Region. Additionally, he will explain his study of the treaties signed between the US and American Indian Tribes to determine which ones contained food provisions and implications for the contemporary food sovereignty movement.

10:30 Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)

11:00 Indigenous producers & practices

TBD: “Seed to Table” (Mighty Networks webcast)

Introduction by Dan Cornelius

12-1:00 Lunch & Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)

1:00-2:00 Culinary Panel

“Indigenous Foods” Panel

TBD: Elena Terry, Kristina Stanley, Crystal Wahpepah, and others

(Moderators: Dan Cornelius, Scott Herron)

2:30-3:30 Seed lineage & genealogy

“Indigenous Seed Keepers Network” Panel

Shiloh Maples (Ojibwe/Odawa, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance

Rebecca Webster (Oneida Nation), Ukwakhwa Farmstead, University of Minnesota Duluth

Jessika Greendeer (Ho-chunk), Dream of Wild Health

Shelley Buffalo (Meskwaki), Upper Midwest Indigenous Seed Keepers Network

This panel session will begin with a brief presentation about the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network (ISKN) and how it supports food and seed sovereignty, followed by a panel dialogue by seed keepers from the ISKN network. The Regional Seed Network Coordinator will also share information about the peer-to-peer learning opportunities, capacity-building tools, and resources that are available to growers in the network. Specifically, the presentation will highlight the Seed Sovereignty Assessment toolkit, Seed Rematriation toolkit, and our region's plan to establish a regional seed grower's cooperative; the panel dialogue welcomes network members to share their Midwest food work and seed sovereignty leadership. This session aims to elevate visibility of Indigenous food sovereignty initiatives in the region, as well as expand our reach to people who may benefit from the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network.

3:30-4 *Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)*

4:00 **Indigenous producers & practices**

“Grantmaking” invited session

Heather Dawn Thompson (USDA)

Beth Nelson, USDA Northcentral Region SARE

Bruce Savage, Fond du Lac Band Tribal Producer and Vice Chairman

5:30-6:30 **Indigenous producers & practices**

“Menominee's Journey Toward Food Sovereignty and Sustainability”

Jen Falck (Oneida), Menominee Department of Agriculture and Food Systems

Gary Besaw (Menominee), Menominee Department of Agriculture and Food Systems

In this session, we share the work of the Menominee Department of Ag & Food Systems which is building a comprehensive food system that starts with families, supports communities, and impacts tribal wide decisions. In time, we hope that our work may impact food sovereignty at the national level.

Tuesday, 9/21/21 The Earth Will Show Us the Way: Education & Diversity

9:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

9:30 **Bridging traditional and scientific ways of knowing to restore land and life**

“Seed Rematriation and Sovereignty: UMich Case Study”

David Michener, University of Michigan Botanical Gardens

Shannon Martin (Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi), Cultural Pathways Group, LLC

Scott Herron (Miami and Anishinaabe Ojibwe), Ferris State University

Dan Cornelius (Oneida), Intertribal Agriculture Council

Kevin Finney, Waabooz Ziibing Makuker Family

This project convened over 4 years an interdisciplinary, problem-solving team of University of Michigan, Anishinaabe (Tribal), and plant specialists to identify issues and develop protocols for sharing of heritage seeds and associated archival information currently curated in University collections. Goals were to determine how collections can be innovatively used in partnership with the Anishinaabe, and how to assess the viability and vigor of archived seeds. The group addressed questions of how universities and Anishinaabe can collaborate on sustainable lifeway initiatives in indigenous communities, like seed sharing and teaching native foodways. For three years project partners donated seeds of culturally critical maize varieties (Anishinaabe white flour corn, Red Lake flint corn, and Fox blue corn) along with varieties of squash (Menominee squash and Potawatomi watermelon), and sunflowers, select bean and tobacco species. The successes of 3 years of growing at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens has strengthened tribal-university relationships to a historic level in Michigan. The protocols for rematriating heritage seeds and plant relatives back to their community of origins will be discussed in the context of this continuing case study at UMich with community partners in a panel discussion.

10:30-11 *Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)*

11:00 **Returning to ourselves and reclaiming Indigenous food practices**

“Resources to Share and Lessons Learned”

Carly Griffith Hotvedt (Cherokee Nation), University of Arkansas School of Law

Kelli Case (Citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, she/her), University of Arkansas School of Law

Spencer Torbett (Mvskoke (Creek) Nation, he/him), University of Arkansas School of Law

In this session, we will detail the resource offerings we have for tribes and tribal producers interested in tribal agriculture and tribal sovereignty through food sovereignty as well as a review of lessons learned specific to the development, applicability and implementation of those resources including our Model Tribal Food and Agriculture Code, EATS Academy resources, and IFAI's Asset Map as well as highlights of our annual Youth Summit, the Native Farm Bill Coalition and Food Safety training offerings.

12:00-1:30 Lunch & Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)

1:30-2:30 Culinary Landscape

TBD: "Owamni Tour"

Sean Sherman (Oglala Lakota Sioux)

(Moderator: Dan Cornelius)

Learn about Owamni by the Sioux Chef, Sean Sherman, a new restaurant where diners experience the true flavors of North America, featuring foods of Mni Sota Makoce, Land Where the Waters Reflect the Clouds. Located in present-day Minneapolis, MN.

2:30 Centering Indigenous health and wellbeing

Mighty Networks webcast

(Moderator: Martin Reinhardt)

3:30-4 Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)

4:00 Engaging in equitable Indigenous community and institutional partnerships

"Manoomin Processing and Traditional Knowledge" Panel

Roger LaBine (Ojibwe), Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Biskakone Greg Johnson (Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe)

Cortney Collia (Ojibwe, Scandinavian, Italian descent)

Scott Herron (Miami and Anishinaabe Ojibwe), Ferris State University

This session will host a panel by those who have expertise in teaching and harvesting manoomin/wild rice, sharing Anishinaabek history and traditional to modern techniques used to harvest this heritage wild grain from the waters to the storable food item (finished, small batch fire-parched, winnowed and sorted/cleaned).

5-5:30 Wellbeing break (Mighty Networks webcast)

5:30-6:30 KEYNOTE Robin Wall Kimmerer

6:30 Closing Ceremony