

INDIGENOUS SPEAKER SERIES

Dialogues about Indigenous people's cultural and traditional lived experiences

SESSION 27: Featured speakers

Althea Walker, Building Bridges

Stacia Morfin and Ciarra Greene, Titóoqanaawit (Way of Life)



Althea has tribal affiliations with the Nez Perce, Hopi, and Gila River nations, and is an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community. In addition, she holds a Master of Science degree in Environmental Technology Management from the Arizona State University Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering. For the past three years she has worked for the Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality as an environmental education and outreach specialist. Among other accomplishments, she has also served as a National Science Foundation Intern and is a former intern for ITEP.

Stacia Morfin (Indian name: Takes Care of Water) grew up at Iepwéyma (Lapwai) and šimiinekem (Lewiston). She is a citizen of the Nimíipuu (Nez Perce) nation and owner of Nez Perce Tourism, LLC doing business as a traditions gift shop. The vision of Nez Perce Tourism revealed itself to her in 2017, when a Nimíipuu elder appeared and instructed her to start a cultural tourism company to ensure that traditional knowledge and places continue to be shared amongst her people.



Ciarra Greene is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT). Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) culture and traditions emphasize environmental stewardship and drives Ciarra's academic, professional, and personal endeavors. She has her BS in Chemistry from Northern Arizona University (2012) and currently attends Portland State University (PSU). At PSU, her graduate studies are funded by the National Science Foundation and focus on Native American traditional ecological knowledge and the Next Generation Science Standards Crosscutting Concepts of the Nature of Science. Dedicated to improving the lives of future generations, while honoring indigenous cultures, Ciarra contributes to community efforts in Portland, Oregon.

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