

Working Effectively with Tribal Governments

Tribal Speaker Information

October 28, 2010

The purpose of this workshop is to listen and engage with Tribal Leaders, Environmental managers, and Academic professionals who live, govern and teach daily from the perspectives of Native American cultures.

There is no power greater than the Natural Laws. These powers were set up by the Great Spirit in such a way that the human being has no access to it, except by obeying. If we choose not to follow the Natural Laws, our lives will be filled with confusion, tension, anxiety and stress. If we poison the Water of the Earth, we poison ourselves. As we do to the Earth, we do to ourselves and our children, even the children unborn. May we think about this today and ask ourselves, "Are we holding and acting toward the Mother Earth in a good way?"Author unknown.

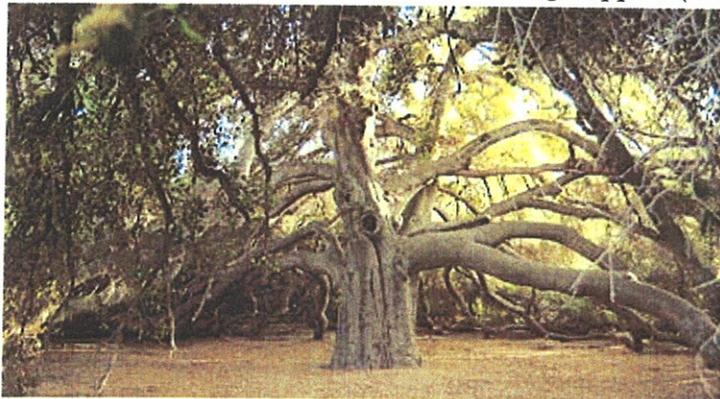
Syndi Smallwood, Cherokee, Environmental Director for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, Temecula, California



Syndi Smallwood is the Environmental Director for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians in Temecula, California. She has worked for the Tribe for 6 years and was previously the Executive Director for the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC) for 5 years. Pechanga's air monitoring system has been operating for 2.5 years. Syndi holds a BA in Anthropology with a minor in Native American Studies from Humboldt State University and is currently working on an MS in Environmental Management and Policy with an emphasis in Natural Resources through the University of



Denver. Ms. Smallwood is the Region 9 RTOC Tribal Co-chair for the Air and Budget Workgroups, Vice President of NAEPC, National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Executive Committee Member, Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Steering Committee Vice President, and Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) Member.



The largest natural-growing, indigenous live oak tree in the United States, the Great Oak is estimated to be up to 1,500 years old.

**Bill Thompson, Penobscot Nation,
Vice Chairman, Air Quality Program Manager, Penobscot Nation
Indian Island, Maine**



Bill Thompson is Vice-Chief for Penobscot Nation, and has just been re-elected to serve another 4 year term. He is also Air Quality Program Manager/Data Analyst/Technician for his tribe and the current Chairman of the National Tribal Air Association and has served as the chair for the Tribal Air Monitoring Support center's advisory committee. He is married to Lisa Thompson, and have two children son Gabe and daughter Jasmine.



**Brooklyn Baptiste, Nez Perce Tribe,
Vice Chairman NPTEC, Chair of NPT Natural Resources,
Lapwai, Idaho**



Brooklyn D. Baptiste attended the University of Idaho, He has served on the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Council for the past 6 years. Brooklyn has served as the Chairman of the Natural Resource Subcommittee for 5 years and is currently serving as the Vice-Chairman of NPTEC, for the past 2 years. He is the Chairman of the Natural Resource Committee for the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI), a current board member to the National Tribal



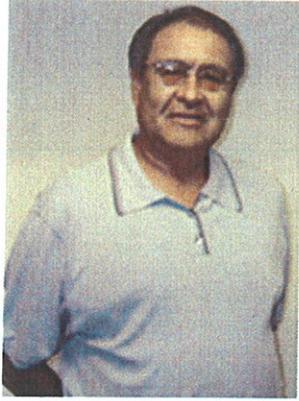
Environmental Council (NTEC), and also sits on the Inter-Agency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) team



Academic and Cultural Presenter

Dr. Jerry Bread, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma,

University of Oklahoma



Dr. Jerry Bread, Sr. is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma with strong family attachments to the Cherokee Nation. He is well known nationally for his work and leadership in tribal affairs especially the field of education. Author of several national Indian education service grants (Foundations in Native Education Leadership, American Indian Teacher Corps, Tribal Adult Education Training, Native American Studies/Tribal Language Development), he has over 40 years of education, administration, training and planning



experience with the public schools, tribal governments, universities, business development and community affairs. As one of the original founders of Indian Studies at the University of Oklahoma, he has researched, developed and taught many American Indian focused college classes ranging from tribal policy to tribal language development. He received his undergraduate degree in Education, with minors in History and Psychology from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK and his Master's and Ph.D. in Educational Administration (leadership theory, curriculum planning, Indian education and educational research) from the University of Oklahoma. He is currently teaching an undergraduate course in Tribal Economic Development while heading up the undergraduate Internship Program and the graduate NAS Practicum field based thrusts in the Native American Studies program at the University of Oklahoma. He has served as Education Commissioner for the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma; Director of the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma; Deputy Director and Evaluation Specialist for the Region V, Indian Education Center in Norman, OK; Director of the JOM Program for the Cherokee Nation; Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Regents, Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, N.M. These are just a few of professional positions, and consultant/advisor to various Oklahoma tribal governments over the course of 30 years. He and his wife, Sally, a member of the Mississippi Choctaw and retired public school Language Arts teacher, have three children (all OU graduates), five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They reside in Norman, Oklahoma."



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Tod Siegal is an attorney with EPA's Office of General Counsel, Cross-Cutting Issues Law Office in Washington, D.C. Since 1998, when Tod joined EPA, Tod has provided counseling to the Agency on Indian law and policy issues and on issues arising under the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Before joining EPA, Tod worked as a litigation associate in the New York and Washington, D.C. offices of Shearman & Sterling. Tod received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1992 and his B.A. in biology from Columbia University in New York in 1989.