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## Indigenous Nations & Climate Change Summit

April 21-23, 2021

### Wednesday, April 21

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**6:00 pm Welcome & Thanksgiving**

Sachem Sam George - Sachem to the Cayuga Nation – Representative of Bear Clan

**7:00 pm Keynote: Indigenous Resilience**

Kayensenh Paul Williams and Dr. Henry Lickers

Introductory remarks by Dr. Urszula Piasta-Mansfield & Dr. Kurt Jordan – Cornell University AIISP

**8:00 pm Resistance Panel I: Stopping Pipelines**

Jan Hasselman, Esq. – Staff Attorney at Earthjustice

Jodi Archambault – Director of Indigenous Peoples Initiatives at Wend Collective, former White House Special Assistant on Native American Affairs (Hunkpapa & Oglala Lakota)

Riyaz Kanji, Esq. – Partner at Kanji & Katzen, PLLC, Lead Counsel for Muscogee (Creek) Nation in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*

Moderator: Michael Sliger, Esq. of Cornell Law School federal Indian Law Practicum

### Thursday, April 22

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**6:00 pm Welcome & Film Remarks – *Our Last Refuge: Badger Two Medicine***

Introductory Film Remarks by Director John Murray of the Blackfeet Nation

**7:00 pm Special Panel on Lessons from *Our Last Refuge: Badger Two Medicine***

Hilary Tompkins, Esq. – Partner at Hogan Lovells & former Solicitor U.S. Dept. of Interior (Navajo Nation)

John Murray – Film Director & Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (Blackfeet Nation)

Joel Williams, Esq. – Staff Attorney at Native American Rights Fund (Cherokee Nation)

Moderator: Professor Kaighn Smith Jr., Esq., – Cornell Law School

**8:00 pm Resistance Panel III: Leveraging Treaty Rights**

Gerald Torres, Esq. – Professor of Environmental Justice at the Yale School of the Environment and Professor at the Yale Law School

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Matthew L.M. Fletcher, Esq. – Chief Justice of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Supreme Court, Foundation Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law and Director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa)

Wenona T. Singel, Esq. – Associate Professor of Law at Michigan State University College of Law and Associate Director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center (Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians)

Moderator: Professor Robert Odawi Porter, Esq. – Cornell University (Citizen of the Seneca Nation of Indians (Heron Clan))

### Friday, April 23

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#### **5:15 pm Keynote: Perspectives on Climate Change & Indigenous Nations**

Winona LaDuke – Director of Honor the Earth (Ojibwe Nation)

Jenni Monet – Renowned Investigative Journalist (Laguna Pueblo)

Moderator: Emily Harwell – Cornell Law School '22 and INCCS Co-Director

#### **6:00 pm Resilience Panel I: Native Nation Climate Adaptation Models**

Professor Rebecca Webster, Esq., – Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota – Duluth and Ohe·láku Oneida Farmstead co-op (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin)

Margo Robbins – Executive Director Cultural Fire Management Council (Yoruk Nation)

Michael Snyder – Director Seneca Nation Agriculture Department and Gakwi:yo:h Farms (Beaver Clan)

Moderator: Ryann Garcia – UCLA School of Law '21, UCLA NALSA Co-President

#### **7:00 pm Resilience Panel II: Indigenous Environmental Justice Initiatives**

Jacqueline Fielder – Co-Founder of the SF Public Bank and former California State Senate Candidate (Two Kettle Lakota and Hidatsa) Green Finance and Divestment Campaigns

Ozawa Bineshi Albert – Movement Building Coordinator and Feminist Organizing Lead of Indigenous Environmental Network (Yuchi and Annishinaabe)

Allie Young – Founder of Protect the Sacred (Navajo Nation)

Cynthia Parada – Founder of Shield Indigenous and Council Member of La Posta Band of Mission Indians Kumeyayy Nation

Moderator: Kelly McClure – Yale Law School '22, and former Co-Chair of Yale Law NALSA