

Maawanji'iding gekinoo'amaagejig (Gathering of Teachers) Climate Change "Teach-In"

Presenters (in order of sessions)



Hannah Panci is a scientist in the Climate Change Program at the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). Her primary projects include a climate change vulnerability assessment of culturally important beings, a plant phenology project, and a seed collection project. She uses both Scientific and Traditional Ecological Knowledge to look at climate change impacts on treaty resources. She is originally from Eagle River, Wisconsin and now lives in Ironwood, Michigan where she moved to find lake effect snow. Contact Hannah: hpanci@glifwc.org

Rob Croll is a policy analyst in the Division of Intergovernmental Affairs at the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) where he coordinates the Climate Change Program. The GLIFWC Climate Change Program was created with the goal of integrating Scientific and Traditional Ecological Knowledges to provide a holistic and culturally appropriate approach to climate adaptation in the Ojibwe Ceded Territories in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. As Program Coordinator Rob oversees the activities of CCP staff, serves as liaison to tribal, state, federal, academic and NGO partners and works directly with counterparts at the eleven GLIFWC member tribes. Rob is a member of the Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu author team and the Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Consortium Leadership Team. rcroll@glifwc.org



Govinda Budrow is a direct descendent of the White Earth Nation. She is an educator that worked 16 years with a tribally operated Bureau of Indian Education grant school. She is multi licensed as an elementary teacher, social studies K-8, and a special education Specific Learning Disability (SLD) and Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD) teacher. Govinda spent most of her time as a classroom teacher and spent a couple of years coordinating special education programming. She is a faculty member at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) working with the Child Development and Elementary Education programs. Govinda is also a consultant working with Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) on the Dream Catcher Project and Native Voices in Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). She is a trainer for Promoting Fair Evaluations and Minnesota PBIS northern region. Her primary focus is on reclaiming education in a way that creates belonging and understanding for each of us to arrive as our whole selves. govinda.budrow@fdltcc.edu



Seth Spencer is the Teach Climate Network Coordinator for Climate Generation. Seth coordinates the Teach Climate Network, helping the education program to create powerful professional development opportunities for educators across the country. He recently returned to his home state of Minnesota after five years in coastal Alaska and was able to see firsthand the negative impacts that climate change is having on rural communities. seth@climategen.org

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Marne Kaeske is the Cultural Preservation Specialist for the 1854 Treaty Authority, and has a decade of experience in coordinating outreach programs regarding natural resource rights and biodiversity. With a passion in usufructuary treaty rights history and policy, she is fortunate to have had the opportunity to build 1854's Education and Outreach Division from its inception. Although she considers the Wisconsin's Door Peninsula "home", she has a deep connection and obligation to stewarding the place-based interpretation of the greater Western Great Lakes area, and keeping its stories alive. Marne enjoys a challenging sailing race, or curling game full of banter, but can also be found chasing her nephews and teaching them the art of catching fish and climbing trees. Marne is currently pursuing a master's degree in Tribal Resources and Environmental Stewardship from the University of Minnesota – Duluth: class of 2024. Mii'iw. mkaeske@1854treatyauthority.org





Tyler Kaspar has been an Environmental Biologist for the 1854 Treaty Authority since October 2012. One of his tasks has been to help identify climate change issues in the 1854 Ceded Territory and ways to incorporate adaptation and mitigation strategies into resource management plans. He helped develop the “Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan-1854 Ceded Territory Including the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Grand Portage Reservations” and assists with plan implementation. tkaspar@1854treatyauthority.org

Jerry Jondreau from the Wiikwedong, or the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with partner Katy Bresette, a member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe from the loon clan and their six children operate Dynamite Hill Farms in L’Anse, MI. Dynamite Hill Farms is a small, family owned, Native American run business specializing in indigenous food life ways that is helping merge traditional food production with the needs of modern economic development. We are also able to help the surrounding indigenous and non-Indigenous community both learn and appreciate the value of this food. We provide culture and language to our local and regional community. We produce food within a biodiverse ecosystem providing for cultural and climate resilience. We focus on a diverse spectrum within our local ecosystem that both supports and promotes healthy foods, medicines and lands. Dynamite Hill Farms products carry the American Indian Trademark, an international brand of authenticity from the Intertribal Agriculture Council that guarantees the product has been harvested and produced by tribally recognized food producers. dynamitehillfarms@gmail.com



Cathy “Cat” Techtmann is a University of Wisconsin Extension Environmental Outreach State Specialist. She is passionate about weaving together indigenous and academic science to build environmental leadership in youth, college and adult learners. Cathy directs the Gikinoo’wizhiwe Onji Waaban (Guiding for Tomorrow) or “G-WOW” Changing Climate, Changing Culture Initiative and the “Minisan” website interprets climate impacts in the Apostle Islands based on Ojibwe cultural perspectives. Cathy coordinates the University of Wisconsin-Division of Extension Climate Leadership Team, is a member of the UW-Extension Native American Task Force.

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