

**DRAFT AGENDA**



Society of American Indian  
Government Employees

***SAIGE Fifth Annual Training  
Conference***

**"Blessed By Tradition: Honoring Our  
Ancestors Through Government Service"**

**June 2nd – 6th, 2008**

**Acme, MI**

Check often for updates at [www.saige.org](http://www.saige.org)

**Monday, June 2**

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| 9:00 am – Noon     | Exhibits Setup                            |
| 10:00 am- 11:00 am | Registration Volunteers Meeting           |
| 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  | Pre-Conference Forums: USDA, DOI, DOD     |
| 8:30 am – 5:00 pm  | Youth Track Gathering                     |
| 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  | Registration Open                         |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  | Cultural Reception and Evening Networking |

**Tuesday June 3**

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| 7:00 - 8:00am    | Breakfast   |
| 7:30 - 10:00am   | Registration<br>Exhibit Room Open   |
| 8:00 – 9:15am    | Opening Ceremonies<br>Welcome and Introductions<br>Opening Remarks and SAIGE Update   |
| 9:15 – 9:45am    | Break   |
| 9:45 - 11:00am   | Plenary Session:<br>Speaker: <i>Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Dept. of Interior</i><br>Youth Track Introduction |
| 11:30am – 1:00pm | Luncheon<br>Speaker: <i>D.J. Vanas, Native Discovery: "Natural Wisdom for a Digital World"</i>  |

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

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| 1:30 – 2:45pm | Indians 101 - (Grace Sage Musser/DOJ) or (Luke Jones/EPA)<br>Financial Literacy (Hands on Banking) – <i>Clinton Waara (Wells Fargo)</i><br>Renewable Energy 101: Understanding the Consumer<br>Lingo – <i>Jonny BearCub Stiffarm and Thomas Hand (Native Energy)</i><br>10 Deadly Sins for Managers – <i>Jomoya Mobutu (Office of Surface Mining Reclamation)</i><br>Understanding the Impact of Long Term Care – <i>Beth O'Brian (Federal Long Term Care Partners)</i> |
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### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

- 3:00 – 4:15pm Michigan American Indian Cultures -TBA  
Federal Indian Trust Responsibility – *Stephen Pevar (University of Connecticut)*  
Methamphetamine Epidemic in Indian Country – (*Bureau of Indian Affairs*)  
Conservation in the Great Lakes – TBA  
Understanding Federal Sector EEO – *Dexter Brooks (EEOC)*
- 6:30 - 8:00pm Military Banquet – Hosted by the Department of Defense

### **Wednesday June 4**

- 7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:00 - 10:00am Registration
- 8:00 – 8:30am Plenary Session: Speaker: *Jerry Gidner, Bureau of Indian Affairs*
- 8:30 – 9:15am Speakers- (USDA) (EPA) (BPA)
- 9:15 – 9:45am Break
- 9:45 -10:45am Plenary Session: *Speaker TBA*  
  
*Shana Barehand, Federal Communications Commission*
- 10:45 - 11:30am Plenary Session:  
*Native Nations Institute –“Strengthening Tribal Governments Through Federal Service” (invited)*
- 11:30am - Noon SAIGE Awards  
Introduction to Career Fair  
MOU Signing Ceremony
- Noon - 1:30pm Luncheon – Entertainment

### **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

- 1:30 – 2:45pm Leadership – The Tip of the Spear – *D.J. Vanas (Native Discovery)*  
NCEPS Town Hall Meeting: *FEW, BIG, FAPAC, SAIGE, Image*  
Listening to the Living Land – *Herb Webb (USDA, NRCS)*  
Computer Accommodation Program ((CAP)– *Jerome Lyons (Dept. of Defense)*  
NOAA's Oceans and Human Health Initiative - *Dr. Tracy Collier (NOAA)*
- 1:30 - 3:00pm Career Fair

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

- 3:00 – 4:15pm Successful Interviewing – *Daniel Harcourt (Navy; Retired)*  
Two Spirit Traditions – *David Young (Atekwatzin)*  
Inherent Tribal Sovereignty – *Stephen Pevar (University of Connecticut)*  
Adult Fitness Workout – *Elfrieda Barton (Native Fitness Council)*  
Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change – *Daniel Wildcat (Haskell Indian Nations University)*

1:30 – 4:15pm Exhibit Room Open

### Thursday June 5

7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00am Opening Song and Blessing  
2009 Conference – San Diego, CA  
Youth Track Presentation

10:00 - 10:30am Break

### Morning Breakout Sessions

10:30 - 11:45am Improving Relations Between Tribes and Non-Tribal Governments - *Luke Jones (Region 5 EPA)*  
Diabetes Prevention and Treatment – TBA  
American Indian Renewable Energy Projects – *Jonny BearCub Stiffarm and Thomas Hand (Native Energy)*  
New Performance Standards Initiative – *Tia Butler (Dept. of the Navy)*  
Hiring the Disabled – *Eddie Paulsgrove (US Army Corps of Engineers)*

Noon - 1:30pm Lunch: Box Lunch  
NCEPS Luncheon (invitation only)

### Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:30 – 2:45pm Historic Trauma and Impact on Mediation Processes Involving Native Americans, Part I – *Carolyna Smiley-Marquez (Smiley and Company)*  
MD-715 Analysis – *Dexter Brooks (EEOC)*  
Suicide Awareness and Prevention – *William Moulton (Bureau of Prisons)*  
Sustainable Development in Indian Country – TBA  
Sacred Places Issues on Federal Lands – *Dorothy Firecloud (US Park Service) & Manuel Pino (Pueblo of Acoma)*

3:00 – 4:15pm Historic Trauma and Impact on Mediation Processes Involving Native Americans, Part II - *Carolyna Smiley-Marquez (Smiley and Company)*  
Project Management – TBA  
Native Language Preservation – TBA  
New Performance Standards Initiative – *Tia Butler (Dept. of the Navy)*  
SAIGE Chapter Development – *Veronica Vasquez (Dept. of the Navy)*

1:30 – 5:00pm Exhibit Room Open

7:00 – 9:30pm Sponsor's Recognition Reception (all invited)  
Shoreside evening entertainment

### Friday June 6

8:00 - 9:00am Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00am Conference Closeout Session

9:00 – Noon Exhibit Room Open

10:00 – 2:00pm SAIGE Board Training Session

2:30 – 4:00pm SAIGE Annual Board Meeting

10:00am – All Day Local Tours (on your own)