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Walking in Two Worlds: Bridging the Gap Between Native America and Government

Society of American Indian Government Employees

7th Annual National Training Conference

Mohegan Sun Hotel

Uncasville, CT

June 14 – June 18, 2010

Tracks Include:

Culture & Diversity
EEO & HR

Health & Wellness
Indian Country

Natural Resources
Professional Development

Monday June 14

Time	Subject	Location
8:30 – 12:00	Exhibits Setup	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
8:30 – 5:00	Youth Track Gathering – JoAnn Brant, Youth Coordinator; <i>Leadership Skills</i> ; James Anderson; Luncheon Speaker: DJ Vanas	Wampanoag Room
9:00 - 10:00	Planning Committee Meeting	Delaware Board Room
10:00 - 11:00	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Delaware Board Room
1:00 – 5:00	Pre-Conference Forums:	
	Department of Homeland Security	Oneida/Penobscot Room
	Department of Interior	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
	Department of Defense	Peqout Room
	Social Security Administration	Schaghticoke Room
	American Indian Science & Engineering Govt. Relations Council	Nehantic Room
4:00 – 7:00	Registration Open	Registration East Office
6:30 – 8:30	Cultural Reception and Networking – Tribal cultural presentations; icebreaker	Cabaret

Tuesday Morning June 15 - Opening Ceremonies

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
7:30 - 10:00	Registration	Registration East Office
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
8:00 – 8:20	Opening Ceremonies Presentations of Colors Opening Prayer Veterans Honoring Song	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
8:20 – 8:35	General Plenary Session Introductions- Danny Garceau, SAIGE Chairman	
8:35 – 8:45	Welcome – Mark Brown, Mohegan Tribal Ambassador	
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome – Don Chapman, Office of the Secretary, Dept. of Commerce	
9:00 – 9:10	Speaker - Rear Admiral J. Scott Burhoe, USCG	
9:10 – 9:30	Opening Remarks - SAIGE update – Danny Garceau	
9:30 – 10:00	Speaker – Pilar Thomas, DOI, Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs (invited)	
10:00 - 10:15	Break – 15 minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
10:15 -11:00	Speaker - <i>Federal Indian Law Reform for the 21 st Century</i> - Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr., Attorney, Crowe & Dunlevy	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
11:00 – 11:10	Speaker – Sharon Flowers, Deputy Dir., CIDAP, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	
11:10 – 11:30	Youth Track Introduction – JoAnn Brant, EPA, Youth Coordinator	
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch & Networking <i>James Anderson, Speaker</i>	Uncas Ballroom, Salon B
11:30 – 1:00	NCEPS Luncheon/ Meeting (by invitation)	Todd English's Tuscany

Tuesday Afternoon June 15 - Concurrent Sessions

Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:00 – 2:15 Culture & Diversity	<i>Doctrine of Discovery Panel “The Theory upon which Indians were conquered by discovery”</i> Jim Sappier, Penobscot Nation; John Dieffenbacher-Krall, Executive Director, Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission; Moderator: Janice Whitney, EPA	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	<i>Leadership Responsibility in MD-715</i> – Veronica Villalobos, EEOC	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Health & Wellness	<i>Food Safety</i> - Beatrice Herbert – FSIS USDA	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Indian Country	<i>Indians 101</i> – Shana Barehand, Washington State, and Luke Jones, EPA	Schaghticoke Room
Natural Resources	<i>Green Jobs for Indian Nations</i> - George Frantz, EPA	Nehantic Room
Professional Development	<i>Two Years in Iraq in a PRT</i> – Patrick Broyles, USDA	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
Break	30 minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D

Time/Track	Subject	Location
2:45 – 4:00	<i>Tour of Mohegan Fuel Cell facility</i> – Jean McGinnis Meet at the registration desk (ends 4:30)	<i>Meet at Registration Desk</i>
Culture & Diversity	<i>Balancing the Spirit With Song: An Introduction to Northern Plains Songs</i> – Cedric DeCory, VA	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	<i>OPM Wolfpack Diversity Initiatives</i> – Christine Griffin, Dept. Director, OPM	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown
Indian Country	<i>Alaska Natives 101</i> – Brenda Takes Horse, BLM	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Natural Resources	<i>Federal Indian Law</i> Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr., Attorney, Crowe & Dunlevy	Schaghticoke Room
Professional Development	<i>Marketing a Professional You</i> – Veronica Vasquez, DON	Nehantic Room

Tuesday Evening Activities (Optional)

6:30 – 8:00	Military Awards Banquet – Hosted by Department of Defense – Open to all – <i>Business Attire requested</i>	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
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Wednesday Morning June 16

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
7:30 - 10:00	Registration	Registration East Office
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
8:00 – 11:30	Concurrent session: Bureau of Prisons Meeting	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown
8:00 – 8:30	General Plenary Session Speaker - Paul Tsosie, Chief of Staff for Asst. Sec. for Indian Affairs, DOI	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
8:30 – 9:00	Presentation – <i>Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship</i> - Luke Jones, EPA	
9:00 – 9:15	Update – Danny Garceau	
9:15 – 9:45	Speaker – <i>The State of American Indian Participation in the Federal Workplace</i> - Veronica Villalobos, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity , EEOC	
9:45 -10:00	Speaker – CMDCM Chuck Dassance, Navy	
10:00 – 10:30	Speaker – Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs, USDA	
10:30 – 11:15	Speaker – <i>Native Land Ethic</i> - Walter Echo-Hawk	
11:15– 11:30	Break – 15 minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
11:30 – 1:00	Lunch & Networking – SAIGE Awards presentation Speaker - Hattie Kauffman, CBS News	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C

Wednesday afternoon – Career Fair

- 1:00 - 2:00 **Sponsor presentations:** Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
Speaker: Ms. Sharon Flowers, Deputy Director, CIDAP Office, NGA
Speakers: Mr. Manuel Gonzalez and LT Antonio Donis, Diversity Special Projects Officer, US Coast Guard
Speaker: LCDR Ken Vargas, Navy
- 1:00 – 4:00 **Career Fair/Exhibit Hall Open** – Public welcome

Wednesday Afternoon – June 16 Concurrent Sessions

Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:00 – 2:15 Culture & Diversity	<i>Penobscot Culture & the Indigenous</i> - Jim Sappier	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	<i>American Indians with Disabilities</i> - Talking Circle Part I Jim Warne and Kimberly Yellow Robe	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
Culture & Diversity	<i>Fair and Equitable Treatment: Progress Made and Challenges Remaining</i> - Cynthia Ferentinos, MSPB	Nehantic Room
Indian Country	<i>Tribal Consultation Policies in the Dept. of Commerce</i> - Don Chapman, Sr. Advisor Native American Affairs, Office of the Secretary	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Natural Resources	<i>The Effect of Climate Change on Indigenous Resources</i> - Dan Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations Univ.	Schaghticoke Room
Professional Development	<i>SES Panel</i> – Bruce Sharp, Navy; Nancy Berryhill SSA; Terri Dickerson, Coast Guard; Rafael De Leon, EPA; Moderator - Capt. Jerome Rapin, Navy	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Break	30 minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
2:45 – 4:00 Culture & Diversity	<i>20 years of NAGPRA</i> – Jaime Lavallee, NPS	Schaghticoke Room
EEO & HR	<i>How to Make your Resume Stand Out</i> – Doris Brown, AVUE Technologies	Nehantic Room
EEO & HR	<i>American Indians with Disabilities</i> - Talking Circle Part II Jim Warne and Kimberly Yellow Robe	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
Indian Country	<i>State and Tribal Relations – How to work together for the good of all the citizens</i> Shana Barehand, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue Gail Dupuis, Kickapoo, former Director, Office of Native American Affairs, State of Kansas Pedro Molina, Assistant Secretary for Native American Veterans Affairs for the State of California	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Natural Resources	<i>Climate Change</i> – Panel presentations/ discussion - Dan Wildcat, Professor, American Indian Studies, Haskell; Nancy Maynard, NASA; Sue Marcus, USGS Retired	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Professional Development	<i>Qualifying for the Senior Executive Service</i> – Terri Dickerson, US Coast Guard	Oneida/Penobscot Room

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:00 – 6:00		Abenaki Room
Health & Wellness	Get Fit with Salsa: Chris Soto, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Diversity Affairs	
5:30 – 7:30	Behind the Scenes Tour of Native American Collection , U.S. Coast Guard Museum Tour: Jennifer Gaudio, USCG Museum Curator (<i>sign up at Registration Desk – limit 40</i>)	Meet at Registration Desk
7:30 – 9:00	Native Socializing and Music Round Dance Songs, Beading, Handgames Don Chapman and his guitar	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D

Thursday Morning – June 17

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
7:30 - 10:00	Registration	Registration East Office
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
8:00 – 9:30	General Plenary Session	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
8:10 – 8:45	Speaker – Treaty Rights & Federal Trust Responsibilities - Stephen Pevar, ACLU	
8:45 – 9:15	Speaker – Hiring Reform/Veterans' Engagement – Christine Griffin, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management	
9:15 – 9:30	Youth Track Presentation	
9:30 - 9:45	Break – 15 Minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D

Thursday June 17 – Concurrent Sessions

Time/Track	Subject	Location
9:45 -11:00 Culture & Diversity	<i>Mohegan History and Culture</i> - Sandi Pineault, Mohegan Tribe	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	<i>Special Emphasis- Back to Basics</i> , Veronica Vasquez, DON	Oneida/Penobscot Room
Health and Wellness	<i>The Impact of Long Term Care – Annette Aleska, FLTCP</i>	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Indian Country	<i>Shadow Wolves: Drug Trafficking on the Border –</i> Kevin Carlos, DHS	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Natural Resources	<i>Resource Managing Agencies and trust responsibilities –</i> USDA Forest Service – Faline Haven; and Natural Resource Conservation Service - Herb Webb, Don Liptack, NRCS	Schaghticoke Room
Professional Development	<i>The Benefits of Mentoring –</i> Kenneth Bailey, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, NRC	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
11:00 – 1:00	Lunch and Networking – on your own	
	SAIGE Planning Committee Luncheon	Todd English's Tuscany
Time	Subject	Location
9:45 – 11:30	Concurrent Youth Track Session	Uncas Ballroom Salon D, Pre-function Area
9:45 – 4:00	Concurrent Veterans' Track – See separate Agenda	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C

9:00 – 5:00

**Concurrent Activity: Veterans' History Project - videotaping Cabaret
Veteran's Stories**

Thursday afternoon June 17 - Concurrent Sessions

Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:00 – 2:15		
Culture & Diversity	<i>Generational Diversity at the Office</i> – Cynthia Dunn, IRS	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	<i>Networking with AISES for Student Recruitment</i> – Tina Pino, AISES	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
EEO & HR	<i>Retaliation in the Workplace</i> – Erin Stilp, EEOC ALJ	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Indian Country	<i>Law Enforcement in Indian Country</i> – Robert Esquerra, BIA	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Natural Resources	<i>Resource Managing Agencies and trust responsibilities:</i> DOI – Park Service, Dorothy Firecloud; and Bureau of Land Management, Brenda Takes Horse & Cheryle Cobell Zwang	Schaghticoke Room
Break	30 minutes	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
2:45 – 4:00	<i>3 R's of Science, Math & Engineering Education for the 21st Century</i> – Aaron Parker, U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Oneida/Penobscot Room
EEO & HR	Diversity Affairs	
EEO & HR	<i>A Dynamic SAIGE; SAIGE Chapter Development; update on SAIGE activities & how you can help</i> Shana Barehand, Danny Garceau, & SAIGE Board Members	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room
Health & Wellness	<i>CHR Strategies to Impact Health and Wellness in Tribal Communities</i> – IHS, Cathy Stueckemann, Martina Portillo, Jean Pino, Ramona Dillard	Passamaquoddy/Brothertown Room
Natural Resources	<i>Resource Managing Agencies & trust responsibilities:</i> BIA – Ira New Breast; and EPA- Luke Jones, EPA	Schaghticoke Room
Professional Development	<i>Working Outside Your Comfort Zone</i> - Mike Parker, IRS	Shinnecock/Nipmuc Room

June 17; Time	Concurrent Veterans' Track	Location
9:45- 10:00	Welcome: Danny Garceau, SAIGE Chairman Pedro Molina- Deputy Secretary of Native American Veteran Affairs, CA DVS	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
10:00 – 10:45	Speaker Honorable Steve Muro, Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Veterans Administration	
10:45 – 11:15	Speaker - <i>Veterans and Federal Employment</i> - Dennis May, VA Veterans Employment Service	
11:15 – 11:45	Speaker- <i>Health Care Policy and American Indians</i> - James Floyd, Department of Veterans Affairs, Director, VISN 15	
11:45-1:15	Veterans' Track Luncheon: MC- Kimberly Yellow Robe, American Indian Public Affairs Specialist, SF Region, SSA Speaker - Robert Patrick, Director, Library of Congress National Veterans' History Project	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
1:15 – 1:30	Break	

1:30 – 2:30	<i>Wounded Warriors- Federal Agency Initiatives Panel</i> Speakers - Nancy Berryhill, Social Security Administration, Denver Region Commissioner; Tanya Cantrell, and Paul Plasencia, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
2:30 – 3:00	Speaker - <i>Outreach to American Indian Veterans (Best Practices)</i> - Cedric DeCory, Dept. of Veterans Affairs	
3:00 – 3:45	Speaker – Eileen Hurst, Library of Congress National Veterans' History Project	
3:45 – 4:00	Adjourn – Danny Garceau, SAIGE Chairman	

Thursday Evening Activities

5:00 – 6:00	Health and Wellness <i>Tae-Bo Fitness:</i> Chris Soto, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Diversity Affairs	Schaghticoke Room
6:30 – 8:00	Sponsors Recognition Reception	Uncas Ballroom, Salon A1

Friday June 18

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
9:00 – 12:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Uncas Ballroom, Salon D
8:30 – 10:00	Closeout General Session	Uncas Ballroom, Salon C
8:30 - 8:45	Morning Prayer	
8:45 - 9:30	Conference 2010 Summary (<i>Conference 2010 Planning Committee</i>)	
9:30 - 9:45	Conference 2011, Tulsa, Oklahoma (<i>Danny Garceau and Fredericka Joseph</i>)	
9:45 - 10:00	Closing Remarks, Farewells	
12:00 – 4:00	SAIGE Board Meeting	Delaware Board Room
All Day	Local Tours (self service) Mohegan History Museum open 10-3	

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