“The Bioneers community has had a significant impact on my work. Every time I go, I learn something and invariably find a few gems.”

– MICHAEL POLLAN, AUTHOR, THE OMNIVORE’S DILEMMA
The world is in upheaval. This is what the birth of a new civilization looks like. Everything is at stake, everything is up for grabs, and we’re surfing the re-imagination of everything. It’s a step change in human evolution.

The bigger the light, the longer the shadow. If you want to ride a beam of light with the greatest change-makers, innovators and visionaries of our time, we’ll see you at Bioneers 2017 for a celebration of nature’s genius and human ingenuity. You’ll get an eagle-eye view of the vital, restored world that’s not only possible – it’s arising everywhere.

We’re in a movement moment and this diverse movement is far bigger than most people yet realize. Perhaps it took a breakdown this extreme to mobilize enough people to rise up and change the system.

Bioneers shows how. As a community of leadership, we’re a thriving network of networks, a hub of diverse solutionaries, communities and movements already changing the world.

Bioneers 2017 will be an electrifying kaleidoscope of breakthrough models, strategies and solutions inspired by nature: climate action; ending extreme inequality and creating democracy; racial and gender equity and healing; women’s leadership; restoring land, water, air, biodiversity; and exploring how nature’s profound intelligence can guide us.

Our Indigenous Forum is a powerful and unique gathering of Native Peoples building bridges with non-Native allies and each other (100 Indian nations in 2016). Bioneers Youth make up 20% of the 3,000 participants!

We’re the majority and we need to remember that. Rise up with us as we transform our relationship to nature, each other and our own humanity. It begins with a change of heart. Come be part of the Revolution from the Heart of Nature...

With Love and Gratitude —

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Founder/CEO

Nina Simons  
Co-Founder

Joshua Fouts  
Executive Director

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DIVERSE ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING & NETWORKING

EXPERIENCE inspiring change around the country and world, growing a revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart.

EXPLORE the forefront of breakthrough ideas and models in electrifying morning keynote talks, featuring luminaries and “the greatest people you’ve never heard of.”

PARTICIPATE in afternoon panels and workshops on biomimetic design, climate solutions, clean energy, social & racial justice, women’s leadership, gender justice, green business, community resilience, restorative food systems, ecological medicine, new economics, ecological literacy, art & social change, youth leadership, Indigenous knowledge and more!

NETWORK with a community of leadership – dynamic change-makers from around the country and world, or from your region, to develop important professional and personal relationships.

SHARE your insights and learning in conversation cafés, councils, and participatory and experiential workshops.

DISCOVER powerful opportunities and strategies for creating and engaging with progressive change in your work, life and community.

CELEBRATE how great a difference one person can make, and how building community amplifies that change. Expand your community of new allies and friends!

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Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Workshop
Reclaiming Indigenous Worldviews: Implementing the Rights of Nature in the Bay Area and Beyond

Join Indigenous culture bearers to explore ways that First Peoples’ traditional worldviews can be adopted into law to protect natural systems for all peoples. Co-hosted by California Indian TEK experts, this one-day workshop offers a rare opportunity to learn about how Indigenous worldviews connect people to place. Engage in intimate discussion, cultural arts and hands-on activities. Indigenous guests will share how they have adopted “Rights of Nature” legal frameworks, empowering participants with the know-how to organize for “Rights of Nature” in their communities.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Corrina Gould  
(Chochenyo/Karkin Ohlone)

Sage LaPena  
(Nompitom Wintu)

Vincent Medina  
(Muwekma Ohlone)

Dean Hoaglin  
(Coast Miwok/Pomo/Wailaki/Yuki)

Pennie Opal Plant  
(Yaqui/Choctaw/Cherokee)

Edward Willie  
(Pomo/Wailaki/Wintu)

Location: McNears Beach Park
Price: $195 (includes lunch)
Carbon Farming Breakthroughs — Building Soil to Radically Mitigate Climate Disruption
Co-sponsored with the Marin Carbon Project

“Climate change, quite simply, cannot be halted without fixing agriculture.”
— MICHAEL POLLAN

Capturing and storing carbon in the soil—carbon sequestration—is among the most practical and promising ways to mitigate climate disruption on a large scale. Carbon farming also has multiple agricultural benefits: protecting against drought and flooding, enhancing fertility, and boosting production.

The Marin Carbon Project, led by John Wick and Calla Rose Ostrander, is one of the nation’s most cutting-edge research efforts in this domain, performing field trials, gathering rigorous data, and advancing state and federal policies to create carbon farming plans and incentives for farmers.

We’ll spend the day at the beautiful Stemple Creek Ranch in West Marin, a thousand acres protected in perpetuity in an agricultural land trust, which raises grass-fed beef and lamb using strict animal welfare practices, and which has protected three miles of riparian area and planted 1,000 trees to help control erosion, provide shade, and create habitat for wildlife.

We’ll discover firsthand how carbon farming practices work and their enormous potential. Our guides will be: Loren Poncia, rancher/owner of Stemple Creek (which has been in his family for a century); John Wick, rancher, carbon farmer, and sustainable land management advocate, co-founder of the Marin Carbon Project and co-owner of the Nicasio Native Grass Ranch in Marin; and Calla Rose Ostrander, a strategic advisor to individuals and organizations committed to stabilizing Earth’s climate who worked for 10 years in municipal climate policy for the cities of Aspen and San Francisco and also worked at Earth Economics and the Rocky Mountain Institute; other presenters TBA.

Location: Stemple Creek Ranch, Tomales, CA
Price: $195 (includes lunch)
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KEYNOTES AND PERFORMANCES
9AM-1PM

DRUMMING by Deb Lane & Afia Walking Tree

OPENING CEREMONY Dean Hoaglin
(Coast Miwok/Pomo/Wailaki/Yuki), Cultural Specialist, Graton Rancheria

OPENING TALKS by Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons, Bioneers founders

SUZANNE SIMARD
LESSONS FROM THE FOREST: HOW TREES COMMUNICATE AND HELP EACH OTHER
Visionary ecologist Suzanne Simard has made extraordinary discoveries about the hidden life of forests: how trees, in symbiotic relationship with fungal mycelia, exchange information, nutrients and water in shared underground networks that make them far more resilient to threats and stressors such as climate disruption. As a professor of Forest Ecology at the University of British Columbia, her cutting-edge, rigorous research offers us profound ecological parables about what forests can teach us about community, cooperation and mutual aid.

THOMAS VAN DYCK
TRACTION: THE CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION
Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder
The exponential market growth of clean energy and the concurrent decline of fossil fuels foretell a radically different energy future. It’s much closer than most people realize. Thomas Van Dyck, acclaimed socially responsible investment pathfinder and activist co-founder of the Divest-Invest movement, shows how the clean energy transformation is gaining inexorable momentum with big business and governments worldwide. While technological advances have already made clean energy cost-competitive, Thomas shows how we can accelerate the transition and overcome the desperate last stand of the fossil fuel political-industrial complex.

VICTOR PINEDA
RADICAL INCLUSION: CITIES, TECHNOLOGY AND THE POWER OF INCLUSIVE THINKING
Introduction by James Thurston of the global disability advocacy non-profit G3ICT
Due to a neuro-muscular condition, Victor Pineda stopped walking when he was five. By high school, he needed a machine to help him breathe. This life experience shaped his work and passions, and he became a leading global human rights advocate, scholar and expert on inclusive urban development. He’ll share the groundbreaking work cities, technology companies and universities are doing to re-imagine urban spaces and unlock our collective potential.

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“Bioneers has been consistently ahead of the curve. It’s a hatchery for the next wave of important ideas.”

– BILL MCKIBBEN,
AUTHOR, EDUCATOR, ENVIRONMENTALIST,
CO-FOUNDER OF 350.ORG

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New studies indicate forests have communication networks, comparable in some ways to human neural networks. Suzanne Simard will delve into this fascinating research.
We the People: Workers Rising for Fair Wages

Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder

Before the election, workers were already rising up all over the country and have continued to do so even more now, joining the campaign for “One Fair Wage,” demanding higher wages and the elimination of lower wages for tipped workers. The movement helped torpedo Trump’s first Secretary of Labor nominee and is ramping up the fight for a $15/hour national minimum wage. Innovative, award-winning labor leader Saru Jayaraman says that, if we join together, we can end economic inequality in America. Director of the Food Labor Research Center at UC Berkeley, Saru co-founded the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, which has more than 25,000 worker members, 200 employer partners, and thousands of consumer members in a dozen states nationwide.

We Are Not Alone: What Animals Think and Feel

Introduction by Joshua Fouts, Bioneers Executive Director

Does my dog really love me? Carl Safina, the world-renowned ecologist, author and expert on animal consciousness, reveals that we’re discovering many non-human minds are far more similar to ours than previously thought. They possess self-awareness, empathy and communication skills. They imitate, teach, and grieve; they know who their friends (and enemies) are. They seek status. Their lives may follow the arc of a career. Relationships define them, as relationships define us. This intimate journey into the heart of nature inspires us even more to protect wildlife habitats and assure the animals’ survival.

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Youth Leadership Keynote: Karina Gonzales

This Brower Youth Award winner was a dynamic student leader for Fossil Free Northern Arizona University, the only divestment campaign in Arizona.

Performance by Dallas Goldtooth (Diné/Dakota), co-founder of the 1491’s, a provocative Indigenous comedy crew.

What Humans Need to Learn from the Natural World

This edge-walking dialogue brings together world-renowned author/ecologist Carl Safina, a seminal figure in exploring what animals think and feel and a heroic campaigner to preserve marine life and the biosphere, with the groundbreaking researcher in forest ecology, Suzanne Simard, whose brilliant work has revealed the “hidden life of trees,” including the extraordinary interspecies communication and symbiotic support networks that underlie forest ecosystems.

Digital Inclusivity and Urban Resilience in the Global South

How can 21st century cities be more accessible and inclusive? Full access for persons with disabilities and older persons should matter to all of us, since as we age we will all have some experience with disability. The “Global South” (where 80% of people with disabilities live) has become the frontline of innovation in urban accessibility. Visionary local leaders are developing cutting-edge tools based on mobile devices and cloud...
Are emotion and empathy solely human experiences - or might that be what these Laysan albatross are displaying? Carl Safina will explore these questions and more at Bioneers.
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computing to shape radically inclusive cities. With: James Thurston of G3ICT, a global disability advocacy non-profit; Victor Pineda, Ph.D., of World Enabled; others TBA.

Restorative Justice in Action: Toward a Restorative Society
The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate of any country and does a very poor job both in reintegrating the incarcerated into society and in helping heal the wounds of victims of crime. Fortunately the Restorative Justice Movement is working hard to reshape our entire approach to the legal system and is beginning to gain traction in many states. Formerly incarcerated activists and leading Restorative Justice practitioners share their powerful stories of transformation and their strategies to help us become a truly restorative society. With: Rose Elizondo, co-founder, San Quentin Restorative Justice Interfaith Roundtable; Garry Malachi Scott, Re-entry/Community Restorative Justice Coordinator for Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY). Other participants TBA.

Radical Organizing: Successful Strategies to Transform Institutions and Systems
In these times of upheaval and radical transformation, the goal is systemic change to bring about justice, democracy and values of compassion and inclusion. Building movements requires sustained and deft

HANDS-ON OUTDOOR WORKSHOPS

All About Chocolate
In this thrilling outdoor workshop, passionate chocolate-maker extraordinaire Jonas Ketterle of Firefly Chocolate will share his deep knowledge of cacao (gained in part from working with Indigenous Maya farmers). He covers its origins, rituals and myths, regional varieties, processing techniques, cultural/economic/social realities, culinary uses, and health-promoting and mind-expanding properties. He will also lead us in a “hands-on” demonstration of ancestral stone ground chocolate-making, which we’ll get to sample (a once-in-a-lifetime experience!).

Hands-On Sessions with Brennan Blazer Bird
Join sustainability educator, natural builder and all-around eco-tech wizard Brennan Blazer Bird as he shares some highly practical skills. You will learn a lot and have a great time!

• Natural Building & Ecological Design Principles—Build a Teeny Tiny House
A critical ecological design principle is to start small-scale and work up. In this session we will have the opportunity to design and build our own teeny tiny house and learn all about natural building and ecological design principles along the way. We will discuss different natural building techniques, passive solar design, living roofs, rainwater catchment, and more, all the while getting our hands dirty in this interactive workshop.

• Appropriate Cooking Technologies for Fossil Fuel-Free Meals
Appropriate cooking technologies harness renewable energy to cook meals that are healthy for our planet and for us. Solar thermal energy is a readily available and renewable way to cook our food, dehydrate our fruits and vegetables, and pasteurize water. Rocket stoves use a fuel-efficient combustion chamber to minimize the amount of wood needed for cooking. Come learn how to build and use these technologies as we cook and enjoy a fossil-fuel-free snack.

• SolutionCraft Educational Booth
Come learn about a host of appropriate technologies and creative ecological solutions, from natural building methods to zero-waste systems.
organizing. Visionary organizers share their perspectives, strategies and tactics. Hosted by Taj James, co-founder, Movement Strategy Center. With: Saru Jayaraman, leading labor organizer, key figure in the “Fight for $15;” Sonali Sangeeta Balajee, former governmental Senior Policy Advisor on equity, and current Senior Fellow with the Haas Institute; Billy Fleming, a co-author of the Indivisible Guide.

**INTERNATIONAL AGRO-ECOLOGY: RESTORING ECOSYSTEMS AND LOCAL ECONOMIES**

Two leaders in the field of agro-ecology vividly show how agriculture can be transformed into a powerful force to heal the biosphere, mitigate climate disruption and create prosperous local communities. With: Florence Reed, founder of Sustainable Harvest International, which helps thousands of farmers convert from destructive slash-and-burn farming to organic practices in Central America; Miguel Altieri, a professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences at UC Berkeley, one of the world’s leading experts in agro-ecology. Hosted by Arty Mangan, Director of Bioneers’ Restorative Food Systems Program.

**MOBILIZING DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE COMMUNITIES**

How can engaged scientific, technological and design professionals make sure the careful weighing of social justice, public health and environmental impacts becomes a cornerstone of all decisions made in their disciplines? With: Raphael Sperry, President of Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR); Emily Jacoby, founder and Executive Director of Digital Democracy, which empowers marginalized communities to use technology to defend their rights; Adrienne Alvord, Western States Director at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). Hosted by Deborah Moore, Western States Senior Campaign Manager at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS).

**WORKING WITH DIFFERENCE: PRACTICES FOR CULTIVATING CHANGE**

In this experiential session we will learn practices that help to bridge our differences of race, class, gender and other aspects of identity. Come discover how to create transformative change in individuals and organizations through awareness and story practices deeply informed by systems thinking, ecology and cutting-edge understandings of human behavior. These powerful tools can help us bring theory into practice and cultivate our capacity to stay in relationship across difference. With: Ginny McCinn, Executive Director of the Center for Whole Communities (CWC); Mohamad Chakaki, CWC Senior Fellow; Samara Gaev, CWC Senior Fellow and founder of Truthworker Theatre Co.

**INDIGENOUS FORUM. RIGHTS OF NATURE: CODIFYING INDIGENOUS WORLDVIEWS INTO LAW TO PROTECT BIODIVERSITY**

In deep contrast to the “human vs. nature” dichotomy underpinning much Western thought, Indigenous Peoples share a worldview that humans are a part of nature’s interconnected systems. It’s not surprising that Indigenous Peoples are at the forefront of a growing movement to acknowledge the legal “Rights of Nature.” World-renowned Indigenous environmental leaders share their approaches to this game-changing strategy for protecting Mother Earth and Indigenous rights. Hosted by Kandi Mossett, (Mandan/Hidatsa/ Arikara), Native Energy and Climate Change Organizer, Indigenous Environmental Network. With: Maui Solomon (Moriori), attorney, Indigenous rights activist; Kealohaloha (Hawaiian), Hawaii’s Poet Laureate; Tony Shrelunas (Diné), Native America Program Director, Grand Canyon Trust; Tom Goldtooth (Diné/Dakota), Executive Director, Indigenous Environmental Network; Leila Salazar-Lopez (Chicana/Aztec), Executive Director, Amazon Watch.

**COUNCIL. LANGUAGE BUT NO WORDS**

Come to the Council Tent and immerse yourself in a communication form that can break down social barriers and facilitate productive relationships. Sound council, movement council, silent council, art council, games and kinesthetic activities—all will be present. Learn something to take home to your kids, your partner, your parents, your workmates, or even a former enemy! Co-facilitated by council trainers Kate Lipkis and Irasha Pearl.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP. SOIL FOR LIFE**

Capturing carbon from the atmosphere in soil can not only benefit plant growth and the fertility of the land, but it can be a major tool in the effort to mitigate climate change. Innovative farmers and ranchers are developing best practices that can be adapted to community landscapes and home gardens. In this hands-on workshop co-produced by Earth Guardians we’ll roll up our sleeves and learn
how we can play a role in capturing carbon in our own backyards, schoolyards, or local parks.

**Earth Connection Herb Walk with Kami McBride**

How do we tune in to the Earth for guidance on how to partner with nature to live sustainably on our beloved planet? Come explore the medicine under our feet as we practice some simple, everyday ways of tuning in and listening to what the Earth has to teach us.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS 4:30-6:00PM**

**Storytelling: Instructions for Now from Our Ancestors**

Throughout time, stories have been peoples’ way of conveying wisdom and guidance through the generations. In this extraordinary cross-cultural session, we will be regaled by two legendary storytellers from very different traditions—Sunny Dooley, one of the greatest contemporary traditional Diné (Navajo) storytellers, who specializes in the Blessingway oral traditions of her people; and Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, Ph.D., who is widely known for her scholarship in Kabbalah, depth psychology, and the re-integration of the feminine wisdom tradition within Judaism.

**Rising Up: Latinos Building Political Power in the Post-Trump Era**

Latinos are a force. As the largest ethnic group in California, it is not enough to play defense in the Trump era. We need to build political power, increase civic engagement and organize communities to ensure a place at the table for the long run. Latino millennials in particular can be critical in shaping a progressive agenda that tackles social and environmental injustices. How can we invest in emerging leaders and lift up a collective demand for change. Hosted by Jacqueline Martinez Garcel, CEO, Latino Community Foundation. With: George Galvis, Executive Director, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice; Maricela Gutierrez, Executive Director, Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN); Guillermo Mayer, President and CEO, Public Advocates; Ben Monterroso, Executive Director, Mi Familia Vota.

**Street Farms: Growing Food and Jobs in the City**

How can new innovative types of urban farms produce healthy food, generate jobs, rebuild lives, and revitalize marginalized neighborhoods? Urban farming master Michael Ableman will share his experiences and guidance on how to develop vital urban farming initiatives in your community, and how to avoid the pitfalls that doom many projects. Michael is co-founder/Director of Sole Food Street Farms, the largest urban farm in North America in Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, the poorest zip code in Canada rife with addiction, HIV, prostitution and homelessness.

**Women Moving Money: The Leading Role of Women in Socially Responsible Money Management**

Demographic changes and transfer-of-wealth trends are putting more and more investment decision-making into women’s control. Groundbreaking women in the financial world are emerging at the forefront of movements to reshape values and practices and redirect capital into positive, socially constructive investments. Three such leaders from distinct backgrounds will share stories of their personal and professional journeys and the lessons they have learned about women’s leadership in the financial world.

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segments of the financial world share their insights and strategies. Hosted by Catherine Chen, a Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) specialist, Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor at RBC Wealth Management. With: Ellen Dorsey, Wallace Global Fund Executive Director; Nancy Pfund, DBL Partners Managing Partner, a leading private equity manager.

**DIVERSIFYING THE DIGITAL WORLD**
Co-sponsored with the Kairos Fellowship
The digital world, now so fundamental to our lives, has long been a mostly white and male universe. The Kairos Fellowship program is working hard to change that culture by supporting emerging digital leaders of color, providing them with rigorous training, leadership development, mentorship, and on-the-job learning with some of the largest digital campaigning organizations in the country. By bringing more technologists of color into the fray, we can enhance the tools, metrics, and algorithms that shape our digital world to make sure it serves everyone. Hosted by Mariana Ruiz Firmat, Kairos Fellowship Director. With: Kairos Fellows TBA.

**MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE: RACE, ENVIRONMENT AND EMBODIED KNOWING**
Socio-political and ecological crises and racial and gender-based oppression can very often become internalized in our bodies as forms of trauma — physical, psychological and emotional. We’ll explore how to work to understand and begin to address these deep traumas within ourselves and in our work with others. With educators at Naropa University Jeanine Canty, Ph.D., editor of Ecological and Social Healing: Multicultural Women’s Voices, and Ramon Parish.

**INDIGENOUS FORUM. FIGHTING RACISM IN SCHOOL**
From stereotypes in American creation myths like Thanksgiving to the erasure of whole-scale genocide, Native American youth face racism from kindergarten through post-secondary education. This is especially poignant in California, where Native Peoples also face a widespread misperception that they don’t exist. California Indian and other Native youth share personal stories of successful battles to bring the real history of America into the classroom and to abolish dehumanizing Indian mascots once and for all. Hosted by Dallas Goldtooth (Diné/Dakota), co-founder of the 1491’s comedy crew. With: Dahkota Brown (Wilton-Miwook), founder, NERDS (Native Education Raising Dedicated Students), National Advisory Council on Indian Education; Chiitaanibah Johnson (Diné/Maidu), Indigenous rights activist, Sacramento State University; Jayden Lim (Pomo), Native Youth Ambassador, California Indian Museum and Cultural Center; Naelyn Pike (Chiricahua Apache) organizer/activist, Oak Flat, Arizona.
Council. Looking Backward, Living Forward
What is your origin story? What piece of your ancestors’ story do you hold in this moment? Come to the Council Tent and bring an ancestral relic, if you have one with you. Let’s explore how the lineage we carry and the culture we inherit informs the ways we engage in these urgent times. Co-facilitated by council trainers Kate Lipkis and Irasha Pearl.

Youth Leadership. Culinary Wellness Concert
In this unique interactive “Eco Hip Hop” performance/cooking/ juicing and raw foods workshop, we’ll explore plant-based nutrition, self-love, transformation, gardening, and sustainability with Denver’s extraordinary “conscious rappers,” raw vegan chefs, healers, organic gardeners, and educators—DJ Cavem and Alkemia Earth.

9:10PM
Caroline Casey Performance
Bodhisattva Coyote’s Alchemical Aikido Guide to Our Dangerous Beautiful Assignment
The one-and-only host/creator of the Visionary Activist Show on KPFA/KPFK weaves her magical astro-mytho-politico meta-narrative, blending pragmatic mysticism, applied divination and democratic animism. She’ll invoke Hue Hue Coyotzin (“ancient revered coyote”) and the spirit of Scheherazade to unleash a host of liberating trickster genies to help us partner with nature’s evolutionary genius, play our role in destiny, and save the world.

FRIDAY NIGHT
7:00-11:00PM
Films with Filmmakers
Call of the Forest—The Forgotten Wisdom Of Trees
This documentary features scientist/author Diana Beresford-Kroeger as she investigates our profound biological and spiritual connection to forests and explores the science, folklore, and restoration challenges of this essential ecosystem. She shares the amazing stories behind the history and legacy of ancient forests, while also exploring the science of trees and the irreplaceable roles they play in protecting and feeding the planet. (85 minutes) Introduced by the Producer.

Evolution of Organic
How did a motley crew of back-to-the-landers, spiritual seekers and farmers’ children reject chemical industrial farming, discover effective alternatives and transform the way we grow and eat food? This great new film by award-winning director Mark Kitchell (whose opus includes Berkeley in the Sixties and A Fierce Green Fire) is the story of organic agriculture, told by those who built the movement. Introduced by Mark Kitchell. (82 minutes)
AMY GOODMAN
Democracy Now! Covering the Movements Changing America
Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder
The award-winning journalist Amy Goodman, host of that pillar of progressive media Democracy Now!, is without doubt the most indispensable voice reporting with urgent immediacy on the front lines of the most critical struggles facing our nation and world. She will speak about the increased threats to freedom of the press and the crucial importance of truly independent media to hold those in power accountable. In more than 20 years of reporting, Democracy Now! has covered the social movements long ignored by the corporate media, and that are now forming the groundswell of opposition to the Trump administration.

HEATHER MCGHEE
A New “We The People” For a Sustainable Future
Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder
Heather McGhee, President of Demos, a public policy organization working for an America where we all have an equal say in our democracy and an equal chance in our economy, will depict how deep democracy is the only solution to the crises of inequality and climate change, and how the changing demos – people – of America can rise to meet this moment. A thought leader on the national stage, Heather, among her many accomplishments, helped shape key provisions of the now threatened Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

CORY DOCTOROW
The Fight for a Free, Fair and Open Internet
Introduction by Joshua Fouts, Bioneers Executive Director
According to journalist, blogger, “creative commons” advocate, Electronic Frontier Foundation Fellow, and award-winning science fiction author Cory Doctorow, the fight for a free, fair and open Internet isn’t the most important fight on the planet, but you can’t win any of the other major battles without it. Although the Net is the nervous system of the 21st century, so far we have misunderstood and mismanaged it and made it susceptible to capture by the powerful and corrupt. Cory will share his strategies to reclaim the global lifeline that should belong to all of us.

JEREMY NARBY
Beyond the Anthropo-Scene
Introduction by J.P. Harpignies, Bioneers Associate Producer
The renowned “anthropologist under Amazonian influence” and indigenous rights activist Jeremy Narby, author of such classics as The Cosmic Serpent and Intelligence in Nature, considers the intelligence of living beings and wrestles with his own
culture’s anthropocentric concepts. In his view, constantly affirming the centrality of humans gets in the way of respectful living in the biosphere. Rethinking human-centered concepts such as “nature” and “anthropocene” can cast light on our relationship with the living world. Because the words we use influence how we think, we gain from examining them with care.

**Youth Leadership Keynote:**
**Naelyn Pike**
*Introduction by Alexis Bunten, Bioneers Indigeneity Program Manager*

This luminous 17-year-old Chiricahua Apache change-maker from San Carlos, AZ, co-leads the Apache Stronghold group to defend her people’s sacred sites, tribal sovereignty, culture and language.

**Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company**
*A Performance by Oakland’s Own Incomparably Dynamic and Uplifting Dance Troup*

**Biomimicry Global Design Challenge “Ray of Hope” Prize**

This annual competition was founded by the Ray C. Anderson Foundation and the Biomimicry Institute to stimulate biomimetic solutions to humanity’s greatest challenges. The winner of the prize, focused again this year on solutions for global food systems, will be announced and awarded on Bioneers’ main stage.

**Saturday Afternoon Programs 2:45-4:15 PM**

**Fighting for the Pillars of Democracy: Independent Media and an Open Internet**

Authoritarian regimes around the world are cracking down on journalists and trying to exert complete control over the flow of information. Now we too are facing a government hostile to narratives it doesn’t sanction, as well as confronting giant media monopolies and online gatekeepers. How do we fight for “net neutrality,” prevent the complete consolidation of a “surveillance society” and strengthen our independent media, without which democracy cannot survive? With: Democracy Now!’s Amy Goodman; Cory Doctorow, author/digital activist; Danny O’Brien, International Director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). Moderated by Joshua Fouts, Bioneers Executive Director.

**Family Fair hosted by Nichole Warwick**

Bioneers is creating a unique learning-with-wonder program for families with kids to experience on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy spellbinding experiential education activities with some of the country’s top nature-inspired educators. It’s learning by doing and playing – parents and kids together. Family Fair is free and open to the public.

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Ayahuasca in the 21st Century
What are the implications of the spreading use of the Amazonian visionary and healing brew ayahuasca far beyond its home in the Amazon Basin? With: Jeremy Narby, Ph.D., anthropologist, author, Peruvian Amazon Project Manager for the Swiss NGO Nouvelle Planète; Rachel Harris, Ph.D., a psychologist with decades of experience, researcher, and author of Listening to Ayahuasca; Sitamaraya Sita, a long-time plant wisdom practitioner trained in the Shipibo tradition, founder of the Convergence conference. Hosted by J.P. Harpignies, Bioneers Associate Producer, editor of Visionary Plant Consciousness.

What Value Emotions? Toward Human, Social & Political Healing
What are the emotional underpinnings of the divides we’re experiencing in our nation, and how might exploring them help us to heal? How might understanding emotions and empathy help us approach vulnerable people more effectively, as well as improve all our relations? Join Arlie Russell Hochschild, renowned sociologist, author of Strangers in Their Own Land, and Karla McLaren, social scientist, author of The Language of Emotions, to explore the value of this much-maligned human capacity, in a conversation hosted by Ayana Young, founder/host of the For The Wild organization and podcast.

Restoration Agriculture with Permaculture and Biomimicry
Mark Shepard, author of Restoration Agriculture: Real World Permaculture for Farmers, runs New Forest Farm, a rare example of a large-scale farm implementing Permaculture and Biomimicry principles. Mark will dramatically illustrate how he is “redesigning agriculture in nature’s image” by using Keyline design, earthworks, water management, silvo-pasture, alley cropping, and perennial polyculture agro-forestry to hydrate the land, build soil fertility, sequester carbon, and restore the vitality of the ecosystems in his care.

The Clean Money Revolution
How do we reshape our financial systems to reverse environmental devastation and worsening economic inequality? $50 trillion will change hands from “boomers” to “millennials” in North America alone by 2050. It will remake the world. We are ancestors of the future. We must know what our money does to people and places, then take actions to align our dollars with our values. Three visionary thinkers and actors in the field of progressive finance engage in a robust conversation about the future of money. With: Joel Solomon, author of The Clean Money Revolution; Vince Siciliano, CEO of New Resource Bank; Katherine Collins, author of The Nature of Investing. Moderated by Kevin Bayuk, co-founder and Worker Owner, LIFT Economy.

Environmental Literacy for All
Presented by Ten Strands, a groundbreaking organization working to bring environmental literacy to all of California’s K–12 students. The enormous benefits of environmental and outdoor science education are widely known, but the cultural relevance of these experiences and access to them remain elusive for low-income communities, communities of color, and English learners. In this session we’ll explore how to make environmental literacy widely available and inclusive throughout K–12 public education systems by cultivating community partnerships, meeting rigorous mainstream educational goals, and equipping students with the capacity to build ecologically sound, economically prosperous, and equitable communities. Hosted by Craig Strang, Associate Director of Lawrence Hall of Science. With: Carl Anthony, Urban Habitat/Breakthrough Communities Project/Earth Island Institute; Raquel Pinderhughes, Ph.D., professor and Chair of the Urban Studies and Planning Department at San Francisco State; Jose Flores, award-winning teacher from Brawley Union High School District, CA; Juanita Chan, District Science Lead, Rialto Unified School District, CA.
**Living Room Conversations: Using Open-Minded Dialogue to Transform Our World**

Come be part of a “Living Room Conversation,” an inspiring but simple process we can use to connect with people who have differing perspectives and get beyond our polarizations and divisions. These conversations can happen one at a time in small groups or on a large scale across and between communities. Come discover how people from all walks of life can work together to solve the wicked problems of our time when they actually communicate with one another. Facilitated by Joan Blades, co-founder of MomsRising.org, MoveOn.org, and LivingRoomConversations.org.

**Leading with Nature’s Guidance: Finding Insight and Clarity in Nature**

The natural world, if we know how to tune into its genius, can offer us powerful insights and direction about our most perplexing questions. In this workshop with therapist, activist, retreat leader and facilitator for the Pachamama Alliance’s “Awakening the Dreamer” symposium, Polly Howells, and Trebbe Johnson, founder/Director of Radical Joy for Hard Times, workshop leader/wilderness guide, and author of The World Is a Waiting Lover, we’ll discover a few simple approaches to posing questions to nature and zeroing in on both our inner and outer landscapes for answers. We’ll spend some time outdoors in the wetlands and parkland around the Marin Center as we ponder a question about our life and leadership. When the group rejoins, we’ll share stories about what happened.

**Indigenous Forum. Genocide and Survivance: Calling for Truth and Reconciliation in California**

In 1851, California’s governor ordered a “war of extermination... until the Indian race becomes extinct.” Prior to genocides under Spanish and then American colonization, California was home to the most linguistically diverse and dense populations of First Peoples in North America. Traditional knowledge bearers come together to celebrate the survivance of California’s Indians despite generations of relocation, kidnapping, slavery, and mass murder. They call for the state to apologize formally for this legacy of atrocities. Hosted by: Cara Romero (Chemehuevi), Bioneers Indigeneity Program Director. With: Loren Bommelyn (Tolowa) Chairperson, Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation; Marshall McKay, Chairman, Yoche Dehe Wintun Nation; Corrina Gould (Chochoeny/Karkin Ohlone), founder, Sogorea Te’ Land Trust; Vincent Medina (Muwekma Ohlone).

**Council. Justice is What Love Looks Like in Public**

How does what you believe show up in the way you live your life? What helps you sustain courage in the face of despair? Come to the Council Tent to share your best practices and to learn from others how to maintain self-care in radical times. Co-facilitated by council trainers Kate Lipkis and Irasha Pearl.

**Youth Leadership. How Young Entrepreneurs Can Help Lead Social Change**

Two young Bay Area social entrepreneurs share their experiences turning their passion into a community-benefiting enterprise and show us how we too can take what makes us feel most alive and turn it into our own personal business models to make a positive impact on our communities while making a profit. The just and sustainable future we know is possible needs us all to step fully into our passion and purpose. Facilitated by Trang Tran, Amanda Greene and Kelly Elizabeth Ortega of Youth Impact Hub Oakland.

**Walking Transformation: The World We Want, and How to Walk There**

Russell and Suki Munsell, creators of the Dynamic Vitality Method, have 40 years’ experience in a wide range of somatic disciplines. In this outdoor experiential session, they will blend practices from qigong, mind/body exercises and “Dynamic Walking.”
to help us achieve mindfulness in motion and to embody a more vibrant and balanced presence as we walk with purpose and joy in the world.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS
4:30–6:00 PM

Finding the Lost City of the Monkey God
Bestselling author and New Yorker writer Doug Preston has chronicled adventurer Steve Elkins’ extraordinarily difficult search for a legendary lost city deep in the Honduran jungle in his recent book, The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story. Award-winning filmmaker Bill Benenson who helped fund and organize the search, captured the expedition on film, and we are honored to be showing a “work-in-progress” version of this eagerly anticipated, soon-to-be-released documentary, at Bioneers this weekend. In this session Doug, Steve and Bill will discuss the importance of the expedition’s archeological findings; how the highly advanced LIDAR mapping technology was the key to locating the site, and the challenges and ecological lessons of this quest.

A Truly Inclusive, Women-Led Movement: What’s Needed Next?
January’s Women’s March, the nation’s largest-ever demonstration, revealed great promise, but we have a long way to go before women of color, Indigenous women, LGBTQ people and people of all kinds feel welcomed. This panel of diverse leaders will explore what’s needed for this “movement of movements” to manifest its promise with power and sustainability, as well as the appropriate role of men in it. Hosted by author/activist Anneke Campbell. With: Lateefah Simon, President, Akonadi Foundation; Kate Kendell, leader of the National Center for Lesbian Rights; Betsy McKinney, founder/CEO of It’s Time Network; Alnoor Ladha, CEO of The Rules.

From Plunder to Restoration: Re-Designing the Human-Ocean Relationship
Seafood accounts for nearly 20% of global protein, but our vast appetite and technical capabilities are rapidly shrinking biodiversity while collapsing fish stocks and the economies, livelihoods and cultures that depend on ocean health. On the other hand, systemic opportunities to solve these problems are rising up and being implemented around the world. Learn from leading experts about what is being done to transform our large scale hit-and-run relationship with the ocean to a restorative, inclusive, bountiful (and delicious) one. Hosted by Teo Grossman, Senior Director of Programs & Research, Bioneers. With: Bren Smith, Executive Director, Green Wave, pioneer of “3D Ocean Farming;” Marah Hardt, Research Director, Future of Fish. Others TBA.

The New Laboratories of Democracy: Building a Progressive Agenda beyond the Trump Era
Presented by The Democracy Collaborative
Resistance to Trump is critical, but equally important is developing a new cogent national progressive agenda so that we will be ready to push for positive policies once the political winds shift (as they invariably do). One key is to support innovative local and regional programs that can be expanded nationally.
when the opening occurs. These “laboratories of democracy” are being fashioned by cooperatives, social ventures, community-based organizations, impact investors and philanthropy. Come explore some of the most promising initiatives from across the country. Hosted by Ted Howard, President/co-founder, The Democracy Collaborative. With: Repa Mekha, President/CEO, Nexus Community Partners, St. Paul, MN; Patricia Farrar Rivas, President, Veris Wealth Partners.

ART, POLITICS, SPIRIT: BRAIDED ACTIVISM FOR CULTURE SHIFT
The Water Protectors at Standing Rock have shown the world that in order to create authentic social change, conventional categories separating art from spirituality and politics have to be dissolved. Their braided activism offers us a model of how we can make the shift to a world in which we can all show up whole, moving our hearts and minds with creativity to work for social and environmental justice. Hosted by cultural activist and writer Arlene Goldbard. With: T. Lulani Arquette (Native Hawaiian), President/CEO of the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation; Cynthia Tom, mixed-media artist, painter, curator, community arts activist, past Board President, Asian American Women Artists Association; Rosa Gonzalez, Director of Applied Practice, Movement Strategy Center.

BREAKTHROUGHS IN GLOBAL REGENERATIVE DESIGN: IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS FOR THE EARTH AND PEOPLE
The social and ecological crises we face are all to a large extent the result of poor design of human systems. By integrating principles drawn from permaculture, biomimicry, bioremediation, “living systems thinking” and TEK (traditional ecological knowledge), designers, planners, communities, municipalities and governments are beginning to discover how to integrate the needs of people and ecosystems in setting a new standard for human impacts in order to achieve long-term cascading benefits for all species. Erin English, ecological engineer with Biohabitats, Inc., and Joel Glanzberg, applied naturalist at Regenesis, highlight breakthrough design solutions being implemented around the globe.

EMBODIED RESTORATION: REBALANCING THE SACRED MASCULINE AND FEMININE
Clare DuBois, founder of TreeSisters, leads a powerful journey into the embodied experience of human wholeness. We will delve into an archetypal exploration of our own inner sacred geometry and become part of a collective rebalancing designed to activate our innate, instinctual intelligence. Discover a felt relationship to the feminine and masculine archetypes within you— it’s truly transformative.

INDIGENOUS FORUM. NARRATIVE HEALING: RESTORING THE WORLD THROUGH STORYTELLING
Come experience the healing powers of storytelling first-hand in this rare opportunity to witness culture bearers perform traditional and contemporary stories from the heart of California Indian Country, followed by a discussion about the power of storytelling to restore balance to the world. Hosted by: Cara Romero. With: Calvin Hedrick (Mountain Maidu), Cultural Director, The Fifth Generation; Cindi Alvitre (Tongva), American Indian Studies, California State Long Beach, Director of the Ti’at Society; L Frank Manriquez (Tongva-Acjachemen) artist and activist; Dean Hoaglin (Coast Miwok/Pomo/Wailaki/Yuki), Cultural Specialist, Graton Rancheria.

COUNCIL. THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS
Great poems are akin to emotional acupuncture points, expressing that for which we have few words, yet poetry remains one of the most esoteric and inaccessible art forms. Come to the Council Tent and explore the connection between personal narrative and the universal truths buried in our favorite poems. Co-facilitated by council trainers Kate Lipkis and Irasha Pearl.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP. POETRY SLAM—WORDS MATTER
In this beloved, always thrilling yearly event, now a Bioneers tradition, young poets share their original work in a dynamic, supportive environment. Hosted by renowned hip-hop artist and activist Xiuhtezcatl Martinez.

SATURDAY NIGHT
6:30PM
SEED EXCHANGE
Acquire open-pollinated seed varieties for your garden, swap your seeds, and learn from master seed savers. Hosted by Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, the Living Seed Company, Tesuque Tribal Farm, Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library, and the Sustainable Seed Company.
7:30PM
Bioneers Awards Dinner
Register early if you want to raise the roof at the super-popular Bioneers Awards Dinner! Join Kenny Ausubel, Nina Simons, Joshua Fouts and the Bioneers community of leadership for a mythic meal and rousing celebration to honor several true Bioneers heroes and sheroes. Separate admission: $85.

7:00-10:30PM
Films with Filmmakers

Curse of the Monkey God (“work-in-progress” cut)
This sneak peek advanced “work-in-progress” cut of award-winning documentary producer/director Bill Benenson’s new film chronicles an extraordinary and dangerous expedition into the Mosquitia jungle of Honduras that used LIDAR laser technology-generated data to locate the site of a legendary pre-colonial city. They found it! The film (2018) is generating enormous buzz and is the subject of a best-selling book, The Lost City of the Monkey God, by New Yorker writer Doug Preston. A longtime bioneer, Bill, will introduce the film. (100 minutes)

Searching for Gold Spot — The Wild After Wildfire
This beautiful short documentary by director/writer/biologist Maya Khosla tracks the efforts of scientist Chad Hanson (Director, John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute), senior biologist Tonja Chi, and other scientists as they rigorously study the resurrection of forests after fires, the bird life in post-burn ecosystems and the crucial importance of wildfires in the Sierra Nevada. Introduced by Director Maya Khosla. (31 minutes)

F R E E (a film about the Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company)
This documentary by David Collier and Suzanne LaFetra follows five teens through a year in Oakland’s acclaimed Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company. The film is an intimate look at these teens’ journey, revealing how collaborative art can be a foundation for personal discovery, change and hope. Introduced by Suzanne LaFetra, Director/Producer; Sara Needham, Co-Producer; and Sarah Crowell, Executive Director of Destiny Arts. (56 minutes)

Cultivating Women’s Leadership (CWL) Gathering
Are you an alumna of CWL or a woman interested in strengthening your capacity as a change-maker? Come and visit together over lunch (bring your own) in the Women’s Leadership Tent with Bioneers’ and CWL co-founder Nina Simons, to connect, savor the field, share stories and explore women’s leadership.

Sunday, Lunchtime, 1:15-2:30, Women’s Leadership Tent
9:30PM-Midnight
Dance Party
Don’t miss the legendary, high-energy Bioneers Saturday night dance! (Line-up TBA soon.) Curated by Isis Indriya and Eve Bradford.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

KEYNOTES AND PERFORMANCES
9AM-1PM

Drumming by Deb Lane & Afia Walking Tree
Welcome by Kenny Ausubel, Nina Simons and Joshua Fouts

KANDI MOSSETT
Cultural Resilience to Strengthen Our Communities and Defend the Earth
Introduction by Cara Romero, Bioneers Indigeneity Program Director
As we have seen so dramatically at Standing Rock, Native Peoples are rising up to organize against the devastation natural resource extraction is inflicting on tribal lands and communities. Kandi Mossett (Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara), Native Energy and Climate Campaign Organizer for the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), has emerged as a leading voice in the fight against the environmental injustices inflicted on Indigenous communities across North America. She will share the powerful story of how her North Dakota community is drawing on its cultural resilience to resist fracking in the Fort Berthold oil fields, and how the re-assertion of tribal sovereignty and revitalization of language and traditional foodways can point the way to a just transition to a clean energy future for all of us.

MARIEL NANASI
Truth to Power: Taking on Coal & Nuclear Domination
Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and co-founder
How can we take on the most powerful pillar of the status quo—the fossil fuel industry? And how can we, despite these challenging times, find and maintain the necessary courage, steadfastness, and stamina to see our way through to victory? How do we organize and build effective coalitions? Mariel Nanasi, Executive Director of the courageous New Mexico non-profit, New Energy Economy, shares insights drawn from her longtime leading role in confronting the electric utility monopoly, the most powerful corporation in her state. Mariel is an inspiring dynamo who lives by the motto: “Activism is the antidote to despair.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED

JOHN WICK AND CALLA ROSE OSTRANDER
Carbon Farming
Sequestering carbon from the atmosphere back into the soil is emerging as among the top biological strategies to radically mitigate climate disruption on large scales. It’s also a rapidly growing movement among farmers across the country, including in conservative communities – because it IS conservative... of the land and soil. John and Calla Rose are visionary leaders of the Marin Carbon Project, a gold standard of carbon farming research demonstrations. John is co-owner (with his wife Peggy Rathmann) of the Nicasio Native Grass Ranch. Calla Rose, former Fellow with the Rocky Mountain Institute, has led policy and climate action programs with Aspen, CO and San Francisco, CA, and is a leading advocate for and expert on agricultural carbon sequestration.

JODY HOLMES
Place of Power: Ecosystem-Based Management & Reconciliation in Canada’s Great Bear Rainforest
Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder
As a primary architect of the globally significant 2016 Great Bear Rainforest Agreement, Jody dedicated 20+ years of her life to the insanely challenging, complex and ultimately successful struggle to protect the largest expanse of old-growth temperate rainforest in the world. This historic agreement formalizes a large-scale model for First Nations reconciliation and shared decision-making, ecologically responsible forestry, and absolute protection of 85% of the forest. Jody will explore how we can find durable solutions to our most “wicked” problems by examining the dynamics of power, gender, science and culture and by using tools drawn from whole systems thinking, innovative conflict resolution techniques and consensus decision-making.
XIUHTEZCATL MARTINEZ
AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

A Spoken-Word and Musical Performance
by Earth Guardians’ globally acclaimed
environmental activist.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
PROGRAMS
2:45–4:15pm

IT TAKES ROOTS TO BUILD RESISTANCE:
EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT BUILDING IN
ACTION

What does it mean to partner across differences and divides to bring together enough diverse constituencies and organizations in solidarity to create a successful mass movement for progressive change? With: Angela Adrar, Executive Director, Climate Justice Alliance; Cindy Wiesner, National Coordinator, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance; Kandi Mossett, Native Energy and Justice Transition Organizer of the Indigenous Environmental Network; Dawn Phillips, Executive Director of Right to the City Alliance.

CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE OF POWER:
CLEAN ENERGY AND DEMOCRACY

The clean energy revolution is about how we use power in all senses. Distributed energy calls for distributed power and economic, social and environmental justice. What does it look like now on the ground? How do we get from here to there? With: Thomas Van Dyck, Managing Director/Financial Advisor, SRI Wealth Management Group, RBC Wealth Management, a leader in socially-responsible investing for 30+ years; Mariel Nanasí, Executive Director/President, New Energy Economy; Ira Ehrenpreis, founder of DBL Partners; Marco Krapels, Executive Vice President of Strategy & Global Markets at SolarCity. Hosted by Sarah Shanley Hope, Executive Director of The Solutions Project (100.org), a national organization accelerating the transition to 100% clean, renewable energy.

RECLAIMING BELONGING:
IS RESISTANCE ENOUGH?

The current moment has brutally exposed that our constitutional principles and values are more vulnerable than we thought, that shared understandings we took for granted could be tested in unimaginable ways. While we continue to resist, how do we simultaneously cultivate a new, shared story of “us”? What will it take to demonstrate a conception of “we” that is inclusive and just? Do we have the will to find ways of working together that are not predicated on oppression or a denial of our humanity? Hosted by Connie Cagampang Heller, Co-Director of Linked Fate Fund for Justice and founder of Project Linked Fate. With: John a. Powell, Director of the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley; Heather McGhee, President of Demos; Jonathan Smucker, author of Hegemony How-To: A Roadmap for Radicals.

BUILDING LARGE-SCALE LAND
CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT COALITIONS

Representatives from some of the most innovative initiatives working to create broad-based coalitions to protect large ecosystems and guarantee sustainable development share their successful strategies. With: Jody Holmes, Ph.D., Project Director of the Rainforest Solutions Project, which worked for 20+ years to bring together all the stakeholders, including many First Nations, to protect the Great Bear ecosystem, the world’s largest coastal temperate rainforest; Henry Izumizaki, Strategy Director for The Russell

NETWORKING / DIALOGUING
OPPORTUNITIES

Wiser Together World Café, hosted by David Shaw of UC Santa Cruz Common Ground Center with Dana Pearlman and Amy Lenzo, offers facilitated intergenerational dialogue on key themes emerging from the conference, as well as “open space” sessions in which participants can determine the topics they want to discuss.

Facilitated Networking Sessions: TBA
Family Foundation’s Puyallup Watershed Initiative, a bold new model of community centered change in a vast region of the Pacific Northwest; Deon Ben (Navajo), Native American Program Manager for the Grand Canyon Trust, working to protect and restore the Colorado Plateau. Hosted by Jason Mark, Editor-in-Chief of the Sierra Club’s magazine, Sierra.

CITIES, STATES, REGIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In light of the Trump administration’s climate denial and active torpedoing of the Paris Climate Accords and lack of significant action by many national governments, cities, states, regions and citizens’ groups around the world are taking matters into their own hands with very creative and promising approaches. With: Amanda Brown-Stevens, Executive Director of the Bay Area Resilience By Design Challenge; Andy Lipkis, founder/President of TreePeople in Los Angeles; Alexa Kleysteuber, Deputy Secretary for Border and Intergovernmental Relations for CalEPA. Hosted by Teo Grossman, Senior Director of Programs & Research, Bioneers

RELATIONAL MINDFULNESS FOR AGENTS OF CHANGE

Deborah Eden Tull, author and founder of Mindful Living Revolution, shares powerful practices that help us deepen and transform our connection to ourselves and to others, tapping into the shared power of interconnection to radically boost our capacity for resilience and regeneration.

INDIGENOUS FORUM. PACIFIC CONNECTIONS: INDIGENOUS APPROACHES TO CLIMATE CHANGE FROM TANAX AMIX TO AOTEAROA

Indigenous knowledge can offer invaluable insights on how to recognize, anticipate and adapt to climate disruption. Nowhere is this more evident than in the communities that live on and around the Pacific Ocean, which drives much of the world’s climate and weather. From Alaska to New Zealand and in between, culture bearers from across the Pacific share first-hand observations of the effects of climate change and explore how Indigenous seafaring traditions, knowledge and connections can launch innovative solutions and inform policy. Hosted by Alexis Bunten (Aleut/Yup’ik), Bioneers Indigeneity Program Manager. With: Ilarion Merculieff (Unangan), author and community leader; Sven Haakanson Jr. (Alutiiq), Professor and Curator of Native American Anthropology, University of Washington; Kapuna M. Kalani Souza (Hawaiian), Executive Director, Olohana Foundation; Maui Solomon (Moriori), attorney, Indigenous rights activist.

COUNCIL. LIVING IN A NEW WAY

What do we do with what we have gathered in our hearts and minds this weekend? Come to the Council Tent where strength lies in our willingness to be vulnerable and our commitment to paying attention. Let’s explore how our Bioneers experience can come alive and change the way we show up with friends, family and colleagues. Hosted by council trainer Irasha Pearl and guest facilitators from The Ojai Foundation and Center for Council.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP. OPEN MIC

Bring your stories, songs, poems, issues, jokes and ideas to share. This is your chance to take the stage and be heard.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON PROGRAMS
4:30-6:00PM

LEADING FROM THE EMERGING FUTURE: UNITING SYSTEMS SCIENCE, ANCIENT WISDOM, AND PRESENCE
How do we engage our moral imaginations to develop the capacity to lead from the emerging future we all want to create? What practical strategies can we cultivate to strengthen our ability to operate from our ideal intended outcomes and apply “inspired coherence” in our work? Hosted by Prajna Horn, co-founder, ED, Coherence Lab. With: Joanna Macy, beloved and renowned “whole systems” thinker, activist and Buddhist teacher; Shilpa Jain, Executive Director, YES! World; Rene Henery, ecologist and eco-geographer, California Science Director for Trout Unlimited.

WHITE WOMEN WAKE UP: CONFRONTING INNER AND OUTER RACISM AND PATRIARCHY
How can white women become genuine allies with people of color? How do we counteract “white fragility”? How can we use our privilege and power to counter racism and patriarchy in our homes, companies, places of worship, neighborhoods? And do it with a sense of joy? Author and activist Courtney Martin leads a conversation about the intersection of modern, progressive whiteness with others’ diverse realities, with friends: Mia Birdsong, anti-poverty activist; Natalie Foster, tech organizer; Allison Cook, environmental storyteller. Come be informed, challenged, and inspired to make personal and political change.

HEALTH, JUSTICE, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT
Human health cannot be looked at in isolation: our vitality and well-being depend on clean water and air, resilient ecosystems, vibrant communities, and social justice and fairness. Hosted by Barbara Sattler, RN, DrPH, FAAN, Professor, Public Health Program, UCSF. With: Rupa Marya, MD, Assistant Professor at the UCSF School of Medicine, campaigner against racism and excessive police violence, (and world-touring leader of the band Rupa & the April Fishes); Deborah Payne, Health Coordinator for the Kentucky Environmental Foundation; Ted Howard, President of the Democracy Collaborative, co-author of Can Hospitals Heal America’s Communities?

WOMEN AND REGENERATIVE DESIGN IN CHALLENGING TIMES
There have been prominent women in the Permaculture and sustainability movements, but there are still barriers to full participation by women, Indigenous people and other often disenfranchised frontline communities. How can the sustainability movement become more inclusive and better support struggles for human rights and social justice in these trying times? An interactive panel with: Starhawk, Marisha Auerbach, Wanda Stewart, Pandora Thomas, Delia Carroll, Maya Blow, Karen Taylor and Jasmine Fuego.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP. CLOSURE AND REFLECTION
To close out the conference in a meaningful way, we gather to process the emotions, ideas and inspirations that arose during the conference to help us bring what we have learned back to our communities. Facilitated by Ernesto Reyes, Bioneers Youth Leadership Program Manager.

SPECIAL INDIGENITY PERFORMANCE: THE STORY OF EVERYTHING BY KEALOHA
Hawaii’s Poet Laureate, Kealoha, presents a creation story in epic poem form that traces human origins from the Big Bang to the present day using a dazzling mix of science, poetry, storytelling, movement, music, visual art, and chanting. A multi-media feast for the soul, this performance explores life’s biggest questions—“Where do we come from?” “Where are we going?”—drawing from sources as diverse and yet interconnected as astrophysics, disco, biology, Michael Jackson, and the Kumulipo.

Joanna Macy, Work That Reconnects
SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

SECOND ANNUAL BIOMIMICRY GLOBAL DESIGN CHALLENGE “RAY OF HOPE” PRIZE: The winner of this annual competition, founded by the Ray C. Anderson Foundation and the Biomimicry Institute to stimulate biomimetic solutions to humanity’s greatest challenges, will be announced and awarded on Bioneers’ main stage.

THE INDIGENOUS FORUM: Native-led daily programs and a pre-conference intensive with visionary Indigenous leaders at the only cross-cultural gathering of its kind in the U.S. In 2016, participants represented over 100 tribal affiliations.

FAMILY FAIR: Weekend-long fun and eco-learning for kids and parents, hosted by Nichole Warwick (see page 16)

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Inspiring programs, life-changing experiences (see page 27)

COUNCIL (see page 13) & NETWORKING/DIALOGUING SESSIONS (see page 23)

CHANGE MAKERS FAIR: Explore our “village” of booths of vibrant national and local nonprofits and socially conscious companies creating the world we want.

BIONEERS AWARDS DINNER: Saturday evening at 7:30pm. Separate admission. (see page 21)

FILMS AND FILMMAKERS: Powerful social-issue films introduced by visionary filmmakers. Friday and Saturday, 7-10:30pm

SEED EXCHANGE: Trade open-pollinated, heirloom, traditional and organic seeds with hard-core seedheads. Saturday, 6:30pm

A performance by the inimitable CAROLINE CASEY, Friday night, 9:10pm

TRASHION SHOW! Truckee High’s Envirolution Club steals the show every year, turning trash into high fashion with a serious environmental message. Saturday, lunchtime

ART INSTALLATIONS AND ROVING PERFORMERS, curated by Polina Smith, Eve Bradford and Isis Indriya

GREEN TECH HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS (see page 10)

ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION CYBER SECURITY/DIGITAL RIGHTS WORKSHOP

CITIZEN SCIENCE BIO-BLITZ

SOCIAL IMPACT MEDIA AWARDS (SIMA) VIRTUAL REALITY FILM VIEWINGS

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY hosted by Isis Indriya and Eve Bradford
SPECIAL YOUTH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

YOUTH ORIENTATION: Thursday night before Bioneers begins, meet other youth who will be attending the gathering and become a member of a small team of peers with an experienced mentor from Weaving Earth with whom you’ll be able to share and process your conference experiences. Dinner will be served.

LGBTQ ALLIANCE TALKING CIRCLE: A safe space to be in community with allies to share issues that pertain to the LGBTQ community in an open discussion.

YOUTH OF COLOR CAUCUS: What is the role of youth of color in the environmental movement? Come explore the connection between social justice and the environmental crisis in a safe space that challenges and nurtures youth of color. Facilitated by Brandi Mack.

COMMUNITY OF MENTORS: Bioneers presenters and youth engage in small group reciprocal mentoring sessions and interactive council dialogues for meaningful exchange. Presenters share life experience and insights with young activists; youth offer stories, questions, and aspirations.

TRASHION SHOW: Truckee High’s Envirolution Club makes big fun turning trash into high fashion with a serious environmental message. This perennial favorite has become a Bioneers tradition.

SINGING TREE COLLECTIVE MURAL PROJECT is a youth-driven collaborative mural project led by artist Laurie Marshall that invites all Bioneers attendees to create their own messages celebrating the Earth, unity and peace.

DIGITAL STORYTELLING: Synergia Learning Ventures’ Finding the Good Program led by Tom and Debra Weistar engages youth in filming interviews with speakers and young attendees to capture the Bioneers experience.

INTERACTIVE LIVING MANDALA ART PROJECT, led by Aaron Ableman and Erika Minkowsky, engages us in creating a large-scale collective art piece during the conference using seeds, flowers, gourds and shells.
THE JOHN MOHA WK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

“LIFE-CHANGING.” THAT’S WHAT WE HEAR CONSTANTLY FROM OUR ELECTRIFIED conference scholarship recipients. They’re diverse young and emerging leaders, educators, students, community leaders, activists, women leaders and low-income change-makers who can participate only because of your financial support.

Growing the movement means having the right people in the room. As a community of leadership committed to diversity and inclusion, we cannot afford not to have their voices present.

In 2016 we brought a record 408 scholarship recipients from eight U.S. states, over 90 indigenous youth representing 44 Indigenous nations, and 3 countries outside the US: Japan, Canada, and Peru. Twenty percent of attendees were youth. Thank you!! We also thank the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generous support of Indigenous youth.

Let’s pay it forward to grow this community of leadership with the power of 400 scholarships and 400 discounted tickets this year!

- **YOUTH** will engage in skill sharing, leadership development, interactive workshops, networking and project collaborations.
- **EDUCATORS** and **STUDENTS** will access critically needed sustainability materials and peer-to-peer learning to integrate them into annual lesson plans and educational resources.
- **INDIGENOUS** recipients will connect with leaders, youth and elders from tribal nations all over the country and world, and network with non-Native allies to grow the movement.

“The young people of MCYC were engaged on multiple levels. We appreciated the strong commitment to racial justice and the focus both on Black Lives Matter and shedding light on indigenous resistance since 1492 to current day in Standing Rock. The workshops engaged our young people on an emotional level and touched their hearts. Overall, it was a great experience.”

– WENDY PACHECO, 2016 YOUTH GROUP SCHOLAR CHAPERONE, MARIN COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
ELDER LEADERS will interact and engage in co-mentoring relationships with young leaders that last well beyond the conference, perhaps for a lifetime.

WOMEN of diverse backgrounds and generations will build relationships with top environmental and social justice leaders.

YOUR GIFT WILL NOT ONLY CHANGE LIVES, IT MAY CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY. Please invest generously in the diversity and inclusion of the Bioneers community.

- $750 covers a full 3-day youth scholarship
- $500 covers a 2-day youth scholarship
- $100 helps us offer a discounted ticket to a teacher, student, senior, or other change maker with limited funds
- $50 provides three days of healthy meals for a youth scholar

Every gift, of any amount, makes a difference, because as a community we are pooling our resources to support one another.

To support low-income youth to access the life-changing experience of Bioneers, you can double the impact of your contribution! We have a $25,000 matching grant in support of the Bioneers Youth Scholarship Fund, so your gift will be worth twice as much!

It’s easy to give—just add a scholarship gift when you register for the conference online!

Other ways to make your tax-deductible gift to the Bioneers Youth Scholarship Fund: conference.bioneers.org/scholarship or call 1-877-BIONEER

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— AMEYALI DE LA ROSA, 2016 BIONEERS YOUTH SCHOLAR
PRICING AND REGISTRATION
Register at conference.bioneers.org

**Early Bird Registration** ends on August 1, 2017, and gives a nearly 50% discount. Register early and be sure to book your hotel too (conference.bioneers.org/lodging).

**All-Day Keynote Passes**
Access to all conference events (unless otherwise noted).

**Pay-It-Forward!** Calling all willing and able Bioneers: Help support students, teachers, seniors and Non-Profit orgs attend the conference this year by choosing a “Pay-it-Forward” ticket.

**3-day Pass**
- Pay-It-Forward—$795
- Individual/Non-Profit—$395 Early Bird Rate
  ($420 after August 1; $475 after October 1)

**1-day Pass**
- Pay-It-Forward—$275
- Individual/Non-Profit—$145
  ($175 after August 1; $200 after October 1)

**Afternoon passes** will be available on site each day for access to afternoon and evening sessions/films (unless otherwise noted) after 1:30pm. Keynotes not included.

**Bioneers Awards Dinner**
Saturday night, 7:30pm. This popular celebration and benefit will sell out, so get your tickets early! Separate from Bioneers Conference admission. **Price—$85**

**Student, Educator & Senior Limited Income Rates**
Bioneers offers a limited number of special-rate tickets to Students, Educators and Seniors with limited income until September 30th, 2017 (or until limit is reached).

Please consider taking advantage of Early Bird prices to keep these tickets available for others.
- Student, Educator & Senior 3-Day Pass—$275
- Educator & Senior 1-Day Pass—$125
- Student 1-Day Pass—$100

**Scholarship Gifts**
We invite you to check the box to offer whatever amount you can toward helping get the right people in the room!

**Youth & Education Groups**
Bioneers offers reduced rates to limited numbers of groups of youth, students, and educators. Apply on the conference website or email youth@bioneers.org.

**Pre- & Post-Conference Intensives** *(see pages 5-6 for full details)*
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Workshop: Reclaiming Indigenous Worldviews: Implementing the Rights of Nature in the Bay Area and Beyond—$195
- Carbon Farming Breakthroughs—Building Soil to Radically Mitigate Climate Disruption—$195
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OUR PROGRAMS

- WE DISSEMINATE the voices of breakthrough innovators with practical and visionary solutions for people and planet, connecting people with solutions and each other. We provide communications, media, education and platforms for diverse, visionary voices inclusive of those often otherwise marginalized or excluded.
- WE SUPPORT and engage with local community resilience action networks to spread successful models, community building and public education to build resilience from the ground up locally and regionally.
- WE CULTIVATE leadership development at a time we’re all called upon to be leaders. We focus on the leadership of women, Indigenous peoples and youth.
- WE INSPIRE a change of heart, sense of wonder and reverence for the genius and gifts of nature and human creativity.

Learn more about our programs and initiatives at www.bioneers.org