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Seeding the Field  
Growing Transformative Solutions

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"Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up."

- DAVID ORR

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## WELCOME TO BIONEERS 2019

Dear Bioneers:

Thank you for choosing to be here. Never has our shared work been more valuable. Never has it been more important that we come together around the council fire to share what we know, link arms, fill our hearts and vision, and redouble our efforts.

As Bioneers rolls into our 30th Anniversary Conference, it's a bittersweet moment.

On the one hand, we're so honored to have served as a trellis on which this visionary movement of movements has grown and grown together. As a community of leadership, we've developed and spread authentic "solve-the-whole problem" solutions to today's ecological and civilizational emergency. Bioneers exemplifies the true interdependence of people and nature, and this community embodies the diverse movements that are realizing the many facets of the jewel of restoration.

There's a genuine awakening arising spontaneously worldwide today that's ready for the world-view and practices the Bioneers community has been evolving for three decades. It's great to be ahead of your time – like, 2 weeks ahead of your time. Finally!

On the other hand, 30 years down the road, the world is going off a cliff. At the center is a crisis of democracy: the profound disconnect between the world the world wants and the world corporations and their subservient governments have hijacked.

We know the climate crisis and the crisis of inequality are the same crisis. We know we can have peace with the Earth only when we practice justice with each other – a process that never ends. We know the crisis of our separation from nature, from each other and from our selves is the same crisis.

We know today's crisis of consciousness underlies the civilizational crisis. Worldviews create worlds, and changing the story changes the world. The worst failure we could have is a failure of the imagination.

For our 30th anniversary conference, the theme is "Seeding the Field: Growing Transformative Movements." We've assembled a visionary program that will harvest decades of transformative solutions and pathways the bioneers have so brilliantly developed. Together we will seed the field to make the radical course corrections that are both imperative and possible. We know that real and lasting change will come only by changing the systems driving the destruction, and by transforming our underlying values, principles and relationships. It begins with a change of heart.

An idea whose time has come is unstoppable. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining with us to help realize this Revolution from the Heart of Nature and the Human Heart. As Sarah Crowell says, "The way we'll hold it together is to hold it – together.

With Love and Gratitude –  
Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons, Co-Founders

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9:00AM-4:30PM**

## **Baskets & Babies: Honoring California Indian Woven Knowledge: A Full Day Traditional Ecological Knowledge Workshop**

The weaving of baskets represents the journey through life. As weavers interlace strands, they pray, reflecting on the interconnectedness of all life. This is what gives a basket its strength. Join us for a day of celebrating California Indian basket makers and the traditional ecological knowledge for protecting all life woven into them. In this day-long workshop, we will learn how to make our own basket, start to finish, while, throughout the day, California Indian knowledge bearers will share their wisdom about the significance of weaving, the baby basket and cradleboard revitalization movement, and traditional child-raising methods. This event takes place outdoors at McNears Beach Park just 15 minutes from the conference grounds.

We will provide a light breakfast and a fully catered Indigenous foods lunch.

With: **Leah Mata-Fragua, Sage LaPena, Cutcha Risling Baldy, L Frank Manriquez, Edward Willie, Ruby Chimerica, Alice Cook, Verna Reece, Shelbey Ann Cook, Denna Dodds, Heidi Harper-Lucero, Rebecca Tortes and Sarah Ryan.**

*Location: Site 7, McNears Beach, San Rafael, CA*

*Price: \$195, includes lunch & transport*

*Shuttle leaves Embassy Suites in San Rafael, CA at 8:15 a.m.*

**SOLD OUT**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 9:00AM-4:00PM**

## **Water & Agriculture: Strategies to Create Resilience and Avert a Crisis - Full Day Workshop**

Global agriculture uses 70% of our planet's available freshwater, and arid, drought-prone regions grow 44% of the world's food. California, the supplier of two thirds of the nation's fruits and nuts and 400 other commercial crops, has experienced drought in 8 of the last 11 years, dangerously drawing down aquifers, resulting in land subsidence and saltwater intrusion in several regions. A rapidly changing climate will push water availability to crisis levels.

At this workshop, hosted at the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, farmers, permaculturists, researchers, policy makers and world-renowned experts will share the hard realities, innovative technologies and approaches and best water stewardship practices and policies to help make farms more drought-resilient.

The program will include two Conservation Hydrology Tours with Oaec WATER Institute Co-Directors **Brock Dolman** and **Kate Lundquist**. Tour 1 will focus on integrated water conservation, harvesting, and re-use techniques (storm-water, roof-water, black-water, rain gardens, sediment control, etc.). Tour 2 will focus on watershed-scale restoration and management techniques for increased in-stream flows, riparian restoration, fish-friendly roads, erosion control, etc.

With: **Brock Dolman, Kate Lundquist, Dale Strickler, Doniga Markegard, Mike McCullough, Mary Ann King and David Montgomery.**

*Location: Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Occidental, CA*

*Price: \$195 (includes lunch & transport)*

*Shuttle leaves Embassy Suites in San Rafael, CA at 8:15 a.m.*



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**CONFERENCE INFO BOOTH & MESSAGE CENTERS** are located across from the Registration Tent in the mornings and on the edge of the Central Lawn in the afternoons. Get assistance with directions, workshop locations or messages. There is also a bulletin board in the north hallway of the Exhibit Hall where messages may be posted.

**LOST & FOUND** articles may be turned in or claimed at the Bioneers Office in the Exhibit Hall building. The office is located in the Buckeye Room at the end of the Exhibit Hall hallway. Neither Bioneers nor the Marin Center is responsible for any lost or stolen items.

**MEALS:** Lunch will be available on the conference grounds after 1pm, following keynotes. Options are à la carte vendors and food trucks on site. Food will be organic and locally sourced when available. Offerings include vegetarian, vegan, omnivore, gluten-free and more. General dinner will not be offered on-site but there are many local eateries to choose from.

**CONFERENCE CREW:** Throughout the 2019 Bioneers conference you will see people with "Conference Crew" badges. They are dedicated to helping Bioneers and helping you enjoy your conference experience. Feel free to ask questions, or simply say "Thanks!"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

## KEYNOTES AND PERFORMANCES 9AM-1PM

*Location: Veteran's Memorial Auditorium*

**Drumming** by Deb Lane and Afia Walking Tree

**Welcome** by Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons, Bioneers founders

**Opening Ceremony** by L. FRANK MANRIQUEZ (Tongva/Ajachmem)—award-winning, internationally renowned Native California Indian artist, tribal scholar, community activist, and founding board member of the Advocates for Indigenous California Languages.

**Opening Remarks** by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder and Chief Relationship Strategist

**DAVID ORR**  
**Is There a Future for Our Democracy? Why Everything Depends on the Answer**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder*

We are living through the most dangerous challenge to free government in the U.S. anyone of us alive has encountered. Like a house with crumbling foundations, American democracy is suffering from decades of deferred maintenance. The challenge of repairing and updating our institutions would be difficult enough, but we obviously do not live in “normal times.” The pace of change is faster, threats bigger, risks global, and the time to forestall the worst is very short. David Orr, one of the nation’s most lucid and influential thought leaders, draws from his forthcoming book, *Democracy Unchained: Politics as if All People Matter*, to consider what we must do to return to the better angels of our collective nature and turn the ship around. What happens next is up to us.

**TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS**  
**EROSION - Our Undoing Is Our Becoming**

*Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder and Chief Relationship Strategist*

Wind, water, and time are agents of erosion evident in the desert. They have shaped the spectacular physical landscape of our nation from the Great Smokies to the Grand Canyon. But Terry Tempest Williams is also seeing another kind of erosion in America: erosion of democracy; erosion of science, decency, compassion, and trust. “How do we find the strength to not look away from all that is breaking our hearts?” she asks. “What if our undoing leads us to our becoming? We are eroding and evolving, at once.” Terry Tempest Williams, one of this country’s most beloved authors and defenders of public lands, and social and environmental justice, comes to us from her desert home in Utah. She writes, “Beauty is its own resistance. Water can crack stone.”

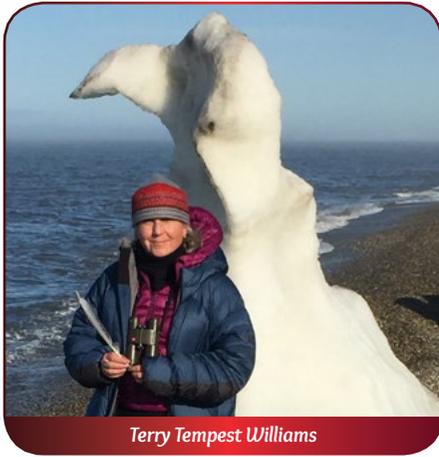
**INTRINSIC: A Performance by CLIMBING POETREE**

Climbing PoeTree harnesses creativity as the antidote to destruction through their award-winning spoken word and hip hop-infused world music. They’ll perform material from their dazzling recent album, *Intrinsic*, a collaboration with over 33 world-class musicians.

**JERRY TELLO**  
**Recovering Your Sacredness**

*Introduction by Hector Sanchez-Flores, Executive Director, National Compadres Network*

Our society is experiencing profound levels of stress and anxiety, a public health crisis that’s triggering unresolved traumas in many people, resulting in widespread uneasiness, poor public health, social dysfunction, and alienation, as well as high levels of violence, suicide, and substance abuse. Through traditional stories and personal reflections, Jerry Tello, raised in South Central Los Angeles, co-founder of the Healing Generations Institute, a celebrated leader in the field of the transformational healing of traumatized men and boys of color, will share his approach to generating the “medicine” necessary to shield ourselves from this



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Terry Tempest Williams

toxic energy, and offer us pathways to discover, uncover and recover our sacredness and return to health and wellbeing.

## EVE ENSLER

### The Alchemy of the Apology

Introduction by Nina Simons, *Bioneers* co-founder and Chief Relationship Strategist

Eve Ensler, the brilliant playwright (author of among other award-winning plays, the world changing *The Vagina Monologues*) and tireless activist for women's rights globally, founder of V-Day and One Billion Rising, was like so many other women, sexually abused, in her case by her father. In her new bestselling book, *The Apology*, Eve has attempted to transform, with unflinching truthfulness and compassion, the horrific betrayal she suffered into an expansive vision for the future. She will share her story and explore how other survivors of abuse might be able to mobilize their imagination and inner strength to move from humiliation to revelation to find healing and inner freedom. She has written her own apology which she will offer on this occasion.

### Youth Leadership Presentation:

## JULIAN NOISECAT

### The Indigenous Renaissance

The brilliant young writer, journalist and activist Julian NoiseCat offers his insights into how, around the world, Indigenous peoples are rising in a global renaissance that holds untapped promise for a world in peril.

## MONIKA BAUERLEIN

### The News We Deserve?

Introduction by Steve Katz, *Publisher*,  
Mother Jones

Democracy is in crisis, and one central reason is the transformation of the media landscape resulting from the collapse of the economic model for news. From where will truth-seeking, fact-based, trustworthy journalism come as we rebuild our democracy? How do we overcome the hyper-capitalist algorithm devouring the free press? Monika Bauerlein is the groundbreaking CEO and former Co-Editor of *Mother Jones*, which since 1976 has stood among the world's premier progressive investigative journalism news organizations.

## TIM MERRY

The Slam Poet Harvester weaves the morning's highlights into bardic verse.

## FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

1:30 – 2:30 PM

### Educators' Meet-up: A Special Session for Educators at All Levels

Educators, who, in our eyes, have the world's most noble and under-appreciated calling, are probably the most well represented profession among Bioneers attendees. Come share your thoughts about how best to equip tomorrow's citizens and leaders with the tools they will need to radically re-shape our civilization. Facilitated by **Yeshe Salz**, Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network (BayCAN).

Location: *Exhibit Hall*

### Permaculture Meet-Up: Organizing for Thriving Resilient Communities

Calling all permaculturists and permacurious folks! Join us for an interactive session to explore how we can foster deeper connections within and among our bioregions. We'll have interactive boards to facilitate connections, conversations, and inspirations among the permaculture community and beyond! All are welcome at this networking and bioregional organizing session. Bring your lunch and be ready to meet new people. Hosted by: **Melissa Fant**, **John Valenzuela** and **David Shaw** from Santa Cruz Permaculture.

Location: *World Cafe*

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 2:45–4:15PM

### Grief, Sacred Rage, Reckoning and Revolutionary Love

For too long women in general and women of color even more pointedly have been told to suppress their grief and rage in the name of love and forgiveness. No more. How do we reclaim our emotions in the labor of loving others? What might authentic reckoning, apology, and transformation look like, personally and politically, and where would they ultimately lead us? With three of the most extraordinary writers, activists and thought leaders of our era: **Terry Tempest Williams**, **Eve Ensler**, and **Valarie Kaur**.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

### Building a Better News Landscape

Fake news, junk news, viral headlines, scandals and newsroom layoffs. What's happening in—and to—the news can make your head hurt. But there is a way to build a better, more just and democratic model for journalism than the corporate media of the past. We'll hear from the courageous people doing it. Hosted by *Mother Jones* CEO **Monika Bauerlein**. With: **Lila LaHood**, Publisher, San Francisco Public Press; **Nikhil Swaminathan**, Executive Editor of *Grist*; **Marcia Parker**, publisher of CalMatters.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Environmental Literacy and Social Justice

Environmental literacy and social justice are inextricably linked, and recent changes in California's curricula fully encourage pedagogical exploration of this linkage. Three new academic content frameworks (in Science, History-Social Science, and Health) promote challenge-based learning, in which student inquiry leads to student action in local communities. Students are also discovering nature-inspired design, i.e. Biomimicry, as part of this process. In this session, we will meet a school district representative, a teacher, and a student, who will share their perspectives about this intersection of environmental literacy and social justice. We will also experience

a hands-on immersion into the Biomimicry design process with a focus on how we could apply these methods in our own schools and communities. With: **Juanita Chan**, Rialto Unified School District; **Kavita Gupta**, Fremont Union High School District. Moderated by **Emily Schell**, Executive Director, California Global Education Project; **Caleb Jordan-McDaniels**, Redwood High School.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

### Seeding the Somatic Field: Embodied Approaches to Transformation

Our body is a walking library, filled with knowledge, memories and insights, but when intense experiences go “undigested,” our wellness can be imperiled and our focus impaired. Come discover powerful processes that help connect us to our bodies and self-knowing and that provide fertile soil for mutual support, collaborative relationships and sacred visioning. With: **Ruby Gibson**, Th.D., Executive Director, Freedom Lodge, international trainer, developer of Somatic Archaeology™; **Ana Sophia Demetrakopoulos**, facilitator/trainer, GaiaCraxia.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

### Designing and Building a Biophilic World

We all know it's absolutely critical that we replace our polluting and inefficient infrastructure with truly sustainable alternatives, but while renewable, non-toxic energy sources and materials are critically important to reduce our destructive impacts on the biosphere, we need to be more ambitious. To usher in a genuinely Earth- and life-honoring civilization we need to create a built environment that reconnects human beings to the natural world—one in which buildings, cities and vibrant communities are brimming with plant and animal life; one where hospitals nurture psycho-spiritual as well as physical healing and children love being in their schools. Three of the nation's leading figures in biophilic design and architecture share their ideas on how to start making this vision a reality. With: **Al Tozer**, former Education and Living Building Challenge Director at the International Living

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Future Institute; **Erin English**, Senior Engineer at Biohabitats; **Sonja Bochart**, IIDA, highly experienced wellness focused designer, a principal with Shepley Bulfinch.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## Transforming Our World Through Restorative Justice

Come discover the history, practices and principles of the Restorative Justice (RJ) Movement. We will explore how this powerfully effective approach that can help connect people, resolve conflicts and heal wounded social relationships is being implemented in schools and communities, as well as how RJ practices and principles are vulnerable to being co-opted when used without the highest integrity. With: **Teiahsha Bankhead**, MSW, Ph.D., Executive Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY); **Randy Compton**, President and co-founder of Restorative Solutions, Inc.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## The Circle of Life—Women as Life-Givers and First Responders

Indigenous women hold the knowledge and ability to nurture life, and in many communities they are also the first line responders to environmental and social threats to community wellbeing. This panel will explore: the roles Indigenous women play in supporting and upholding life from birth to death (and beyond); the resurgence of Indigenous midwifery; women's coming of age ceremonies; and how to make conscious choices to treat food as medicine and our bodies as sacred. With: **Cutcha Risling Baldy** (Hupa/Yurok/Karuk); **Sage LaPena** (Wintu); **Danielle Hill** (Mashpee Wampanoag).

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership. Youth Mobilizing for Climate Justice

Come participate in an engaging discussion with young climate leaders who will be discussing their various theories of change, organizing practices and personal stories of how they got catalyzed to act! Facilitated by youth from **Bay Area Sunrise**.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## Aligning the Personal, Political and Planetary: Purposeful Memoir as a Path to a Thriving Future

In this workshop, **Jennifer Browdy** shows how to harness the power of purposeful memoir to be a force for positive change in ourselves, our communities, and the world. She's an award-winning memoirist, literature professor and a leading expert in writing about social and environmental justice, arts activism and women's leadership. Through readings, writing exercises, guided sharing and facilitated conversations, we'll work towards an answer to a most potent question for our time: How can each of us be a strong link in the unbroken chain between past and future, using our gifts and dedicating our precious lifetimes to making the world a better place?

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## The Radical Inclusion of All Genders and Sexualities

Current debates about the standing of LGBTQIA+ persons have raised new awareness around gender and sexuality. People whose sexual attractions and gender identities cannot be contained within hetero-normative (and binary/cisgender) culture have always existed, but oppression, discrimination, and violence against them have long been the norm and continue. In the U.S. transgender people have been especially singled out for targeted abuse. We must re-envision a radically inclusive society that gives full permission to individual sexualities and identities. This session will look at the systemic oppression of gender and sexual minorities in the context of intersectionality and explore how to achieve the full inclusion of all genders to help bring humanity to its full potential. With: **Erica Anderson**, Ph.D., President of USPATH, the newly created affiliate of WPATH, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health; **Fresh "Lev" White**, CEO of Affirmative Acts Consulting; photographer **Salgu Wissmath**.

*Location: Women's Tent*

## The Ground Beneath Our Hearts

As we confront the alarming manifestations of climate disruption and local environmental challenges, we become acutely conscious of

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both our love for the places and species in our lives and of our sorrow for what's happening to them. In this workshop, we explore how surviving—and actually thriving—in hard times means holding the balance between these two deep and valid emotions. We'll offer a simple practice for staying connected with the places we care about during hard times. Participants will also take a short reflective solo walk outside on the grounds of the Marin Center to look for signs of nature's balance around the lake, the wetland, even in the weeds in the sidewalk cracks. With: **Polly Howells**, co-leader of Reclaiming Our Lives, Reclaiming Our Earth workshops; **Trebbe Johnson**, founder/Director of Radical Joy for Hard Times.

*Location: Hands On Workshop Space*

## **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.

*Location: Meet at Information Booth on the edge of Central Lawn*

## **A Conversation with Stuart Muir Wilson about Permaculture & Ecological Justice**

Permaculture is a whole-systems design approach that uses principles and methods derived from ecosystems, nature-connected communities, and other time-tested systems to create ethical human settlements and institutions. Co-founded by Right Livelihood Award laureate Bill Mollison in Australia, people around the world now practice permaculture. Join us for a conversation with Mollison's grandson, **Stuart Muir Wilson**, Program Coordinator for the Ecological Justice Hub at Jesuit Social Services in Australia, about how permaculture can advance ecological justice, renewable energy and ecological literacy to help mitigate climate change, catalyze systems change, and foster resilient communities. Hosted by: **David Shaw**, Right Livelihood College at UC Santa Cruz; **Melissa Fant**, Santa Cruz Permaculture.

*Location: World Cafe*

## **Community of Mentors**

Bioneers is inherently a community of mentors; people eager to learn, share, explore and create together. Community of Mentors offers youth the opportunity to be in small group mentoring sessions with Bioneers presenters. The presenters will share their life experience in an interactive dialogue with youth who are seeking guidance on their path to activism. With **Jewel Love**, psychotherapist and CEO of Black Executive Men. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 4:30–6:00PM**

### **Round Table—The Green New Deal: A Visionary Exploration**

The Green New Deal is an idea whose time has finally come. But what will it really take to build the enduring structures, institutions and global cooperation that actually reconcile the core contradictions between markets and the public good, between dignified work and robots, between the laws of nature and principles of social and justice and economic democracy? A radical free-range jam among thought leaders and doers. Hosted by **Greg Watson**, Shumacher Institute for New Economics. With: **Paul Hawken**, Project Drawdown; **Vien Truong**, former ED of Green For All; **David Orr**, State of American Democracy Project.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

### **Re-Imagining Manhood: Reclaiming Sacred Masculine**

While women's movements are foundational in the struggle to create a far more just, equitable and compassionate world, we will never solve the whole problem unless we transform the outmoded but dominant toxic ideas of what a "real man" is. Join leading figures in the quest to forge a new form of Sacred Manhood who have worked in very challenging environments to help at-risk boys and men transition to far healthier and more productive ways of inhabiting their bodies, minds, communities, and the planet. With: **Jerry Tello**, co-founder of the Healing Generations Institute, NCN;

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**Jewel Love Jr.**, psychotherapist and CEO of Black Executive Men; **Hector Sanchez-Flores**, Executive Director of the National Compadres Network (NCN). Hosted by **Will Scott**, co-founder of the Weaving Earth Center for Relational Education.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

## Local Food and Social Economy— Creating Community through Urban Farming

We're seeing the emergence of new generations of highly innovative urban farmers. They're idealistic but savvy, hard working and very ethnically diverse. They often embed social justice and spirituality into a back-to-the-land ethos that includes reconnecting with nature to develop a healthy harmonious way of life. But remarkably they're doing it in urban and suburban environments where most people now live. Hear from exemplary pathfinders of this extraordinary movement. Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Director of Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Program. With: **Chanowk** and **Judith Yisrael** of Sacramento's Yisreal Family Farm; **Karen Washington** of New York City's Rise and Root Farm; **Shawn Harrison** of Soil Born Farms in Rancho Cordova, CA.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## Documentaries & Social Change

The renaissance of documentary films is having real impact and influence on social change. How can documentaries best achieve this purpose? How can filmmakers be best equipped to operate in today's vastly expanded digital space, including navigating difficult issues of "fair" and "transformative" use? Hosted by: **Jeremy Kagan**, award-winning filmmaker and founder of Change Making Media Lab at the School of Cinematic Arts at USC. With: master filmmaker **Louie Psihoyos**, (*Racing Extinction, The Cove*); **Jennifer Taylor**, multiple award-winning documentarian (*Paulina, Home Front, New Muslim Cool*); **Shaun Spalding**, leading intellectual property attorney at New Media Rights; **Stephen Most**, award-winning writer, filmmaker, playwright and author of *Stories Make the World, Reflections on Storytelling and the Art of the Documentary*.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## Transforming Impact Investing and Philanthropy

How can philanthropy and impact investing break free from traditional models that simply replicate existing systems of hierarchy and the vicious circle of concentration of wealth? What's the emerging potential of genuinely new ways of doing business? With: **Joel Solomon**, author of *The Clean Money Revolution: Reinventing Power, Purpose, and Capitalism*, Chairman of Renewal Funds; **Tajj Kumari Moteelall**, founder of Standing in Our Power, former Executive Director of Resource Generation; **Matthew Monahan**, co-founder of the Edmund Hillary Fellowship and of the Namaste Foundation.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## Somatic Archaeology® and Neuro-Decolonization for Intergenerational Healing

Modern Western genetics and Traditional Indigenous Knowledge share common ground in their understanding that the traits and tendencies we inherit from our ancestors can affect our health in both positive and negative ways. However, our genes are not our destiny. We can engage in activities that mediate the expression of both troublesome and beneficial genetic variants. In this session we will explore how traditional Indigenous lifestyle practices can improve our genetic plasticity and move us away from victimhood and poor health to wellness. Presenters will share somatic and mindfulness-based techniques based in Indigenous ways of knowing that can help us cure our historical amnesia, deepen our self-awareness, boost our self-reliance, and restore our power to consciously manifest our unique destiny. With: **Dr. Michael Yellow Bird** (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara); **Dr. Ruby Gibson** (Oglala Sioux).

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership. Making Media for the Movement: A Storytelling Laboratory

Come practice your storytelling skills in this creative media laboratory. We'll discuss ethical journalism dilemmas, enact on-the-ground direct action scenarios, and engage each

other in telling our unique stories on and off camera. Facilitated by **Tianna Arredondo** and **Robin Bean Crane**.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## **The Resiliency Map/Storytelling Blanket: A Powerful Tool for Community Collaboration and Authentic Dialogue**

In this deeply interactive workshop with highly experienced facilitator, researcher and social innovator **Ana Sophia Demetrakopoulos**, we will explore how to use the Resiliency Map/Storytelling Blanket, a powerful process to support embodied communication and mutual visibility in groups that originated in Canada in an intercultural collaboration of community-based activists to help organizations and individuals working to help those with HIV/AIDS provide better peer support and deepen their collaborative capacity.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## **The Future of Meat**

The greatest opportunity for a future in which human health and ecosystems flourish may rest on our plates. We will need to nourish 9 billion people by 2050: what humans eat and how it's produced will be one key determinant of the future of life on Earth. The food systems currently in place are totally unsustainable (as recent fires in the Amazon so clearly highlight), but this grand challenge is also one of the greatest opportunities in human history to take an evolutionary leap in reshaping our relationship to food. Researcher, entrepreneur, and activist **Christiana Musk**, founder of Flourish.ink, a platform for catalyzing conversations on the future of food, and former Executive Director of Food Choice Taskforce, will draw from the wisdom of the audience and her own insights to explore with us how we can transcend the battleground of competing food worldviews to accelerate solutions for a flourishing future.

*Location: Women's Tent*

## **Artists As First Responders: "Cultural Doula" Strategies In Survival & Joy**

Artists respond at the edges of birth and death. This multimedia storytelling circle centers the embodied experiences of artists rescuing, making, and stewarding creative pursuits on the frontline edges of catastrophe and celebration—as in hurricane, as in border patrol, as in right to choose, as in ring shout! Join four “culture-doulas” who will share strategies and tactics for survival and regeneration through images, songs and words. With: **Ashara Ekundayo**, Independent curator, author of the upcoming *Artist As First Responder*; **Tara Trudell**, multimedia artist, photographer, poet, organizer; **Christa Bell**, multimedia artist, co-curator of HOWDOY-OLUSAYYAMINAFRICAN?; **Angela Wellman**, trombonist, scholar, educator, founder, Oakland Public Conservatory of Music.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## **Right Livelihood College—Action-Research for a Just and Sustainable Future**

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Right Livelihood Award (RLA), aka the “Alternative Nobel Prize,” and the 10th Anniversary of the Right Livelihood College (RLC), a partnership between the RLA and universities worldwide. Come celebrate with RLA laureates and faculty and students from RLC Santa Cruz, and give your input to our plan for the next 10 years of action-research for the common good. With: **Nicanor Perlas**, Right Livelihood Award laureate; **Stuart Muir Wilson**, permaculture designer and grandson of RLA laureate **Bill Mollison**; and special guests TBA. Hosted by: **Chris Benner**, Institute for Social Transformation at UC Santa Cruz; **David Shaw**, Right Livelihood College at UC Santa Cruz.

*Location: World Cafe*

## **Community of Mentors**

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**Isha Clarke**, environmental and social justice activist. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

## FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS WITH FILMMAKERS 6:40-10:00PM

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### 6:40pm — Life In The City of Dirty Water

Life in the City of Dirty Water offers us an intimate portrait of the remarkable life of Indigenous climate change campaigner, Clayton Thomas-Muller, who went from being an abused child and an addicted and incarcerated street hustler to becoming a Sundancer, father, husband and one of the nation's most renowned activists (with the Indigenous Environmental Network, Idle No More, and 350.org). Introduced by **Clayton Thomas-Muller**. (19 minutes)

### 7:10pm — Wild Hope

This inspiring film conveys the deep spiritual connection to the natural world that was once fundamental to the experience of being human but that far too many modern people have lost. Featuring such stellar thought leaders as Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein, Rose Macario (CEO of Patagonia) and many others, it drives home how we must rediscover the awe and compassion that wild nature can awaken in us if we are to make sure we continue to have a habitable planet. Introduced by **Suez Jacobson**, Wild Hope's Executive Producer; **Dave Devine**, Digital Project Content Manager. (35 minutes)

### 7:55pm — REBBL with a Cause

This film tells the story of the truly exemplary socially conscious REBBL beverage company, which was born out of a campaign to combat the underlying causes of human trafficking (a global plague), initially in Peru, but now working in 29 countries. It focuses on the company's efforts to partner with Indigenous

Amazonian Brazil nut harvesters in Peru as a case study to highlight the sort of long-term engagement and relationship building required to develop truly ethical and sustainable supply chains. Introduced by **Kathleen Tan** of REBBL. (35 minutes)

### 8:35pm — Dawnland

This Emmy Award-winning film follows the trajectory of the state of Maine's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (the first ever in the U.S.), created to investigate the systematic removal of Native American children from their homes, which continued in many parts of the country into the 1970s. Dawnland documents interviews of many witnesses who suffered devastating consequences from this state-sanctioned child abuse and attempted cultural erasure. It is the most powerful account of Indigenous child removal in the U.S. so far, and it foregrounds the immense challenges that this commission faces as it works toward truth, reconciliation, and the survival of all Indigenous peoples. Introduced by Senior Advisor **Chris Newell**. (86 minutes)

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### 9:00pm

### CAROLINE CASEY

### A Sufi Aikido Trickster Guide to Redemptive Underworld Magic— an evening of astro\*mytho\* politico\*guiding \*meta-story

We are being called upon to cultivate a camaraderie of jaunty aplomb in dangerous times. We now have no choice but to out-enthusie the dementors to align all the polarities into liberating spirals. Worn-out structures are collapsing; how do we build new structures of supportive solace dedicated to collective well-being? Let's mobilize all our irresistible eloquence and metaphoric agility on behalf of what we love to transform hubris into humus out of which will grow a new democratic animism aligned with nature's guiding genius. Trickster co-operators are standing by!

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

## **KEYNOTES AND PERFORMANCES 9AM–1PM**

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

**Drumming by** Deb Lane and Afia Walking Tree

**Welcome by** Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons

**Opening Remarks by** Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder

### **HEATHER McTEER TONEY** **Moving Past Stereotypes: Climate Action IS the Social Justice Issue of Our Time**

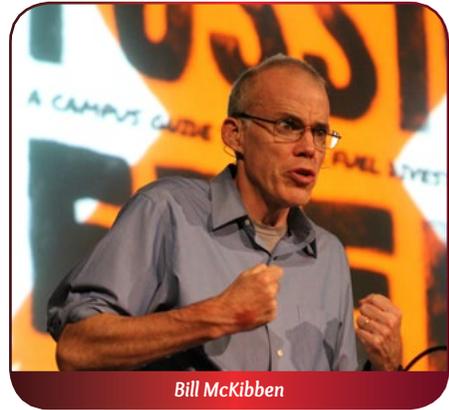
*Introduction by Lisa Hoyos, Director of Climate Parents at the Sierra Club*

For years, “environmentalists” have been typecast as white, tree-hugging vegetarians who care more for whales than southside Chicago or rural Mississippi. But the fact is that not only are poor and vulnerable populations, especially communities of color, environmentally aware, they are the most at risk from the impacts of climate change. Heather McTeer Toney will address how we must embrace climate action as the social justice issue of our time, and tear down old stereotypes so that we can build sustainable and resilient alliances to fight effectively together and affirm our common humanity. Heather is currently National Field Director of Mom’s Clean Air Force. Previously she served as the first African American, first female, and youngest-ever mayor of Greenville, Mississippi, and as a prominent leader in the Obama-era EPA.

### **BILL McKIBBEN** **Changing the Climate: What We’ve Learned in the Last 30 Years**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder*

What lessons can we draw from three decades of struggles to address the existential threat of climate disruption? What do our failures reveal about the flaws of our political



*Bill McKibben*

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system and the economic nihilism of the fossil fuel industry? What strategies are most likely to lead to greater success to save our species from itself? Bill McKibben is perhaps our nation’s most influential environmental activist as well as one of our most brilliant thinkers and authors. The co-founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement, Bill wrote *The End of Nature* (1989), the first general audience book that warned the country about climate change.

### **VALARIE KAUR** **Breathe! Push! The Labor of Revolutionary Love**

*Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder and Chief Relationship Strategist*

“Is this the darkness of the tomb – or the darkness of the womb?” asks Valarie Kaur. Although we’ve mounted a powerful resistance to tyranny, injustice and violence during the Trump era, with 2020 in sight, we need more than resistance. We need to birth a new America. The extraordinarily passionate and effective civil rights attorney, faith leader and activist Valarie Kaur shares why she’s convinced that what our times demand is Revolutionary Love. It’s an orientation to life and our movements that harnesses all of the body’s emotions—grief, rage, and joy—and calls us to our highest bravery. We need to reclaim love as a form of sweet labor—fierce, demanding, and life-giving—and draw from the wisdom of the midwife: when in labor, breathe and push!

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**A performance by Oakland's own incomparably dynamic and uplifting  
DESTINY ARTS YOUTH  
PERFORMANCE COMPANY**

**Youth Leadership Presentation:  
MISHKA BANURI  
A First Generation Immigrant's  
Perspective on Youth Climate  
Justice**

A first generation Pakistani immigrant, Mishka Banuri moved to Utah when she was 12 years old and fell in love with that state's wondrous mountains, aspen trees and red rocks, but she saw many of those sacred lands despoiled by the greed of extractive industries. This awakened her to the global systems of resource exploitation ravaging ecosystems and poor communities around the world and has made her an extraordinarily passionate and effective youth climate justice activist in Utah.

**PAUL HAWKEN  
Drawdown: The Most  
Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed  
to Reverse Global Warming**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel,  
Bioneers CEO and founder*

The visionary goal of Project Drawdown, founded by Paul Hawken, is to actually reverse global warming by drawing carbon out of the atmosphere back down to pre-industrial levels. All the practices and technologies documented in Paul's best-selling *Drawdown* book are already commonly available, economically viable, and scientifically valid. The true power of Drawdown is its holistic nature. Doing what's right for the climate means doing the right thing across the board and will also create abundant, meaningful jobs and a vibrant green economy. For over 30 years, Paul has been at the forefront of transformative solutions for people and planet, including his highly influential books *The Ecology of Commerce*, *Natural Capitalism* and *Blessed Unrest*.

**TIM MERRY**

The Slam Poet Harvester weaves the morning's highlights into bardic verse.

**SATURDAY LUNCHTIME  
1:30 - 2:30PM**

**Singing Circle with Noe Venable:  
Songs for the Great Turning**

From the Civil Rights Movement to South Africa to 1960s folk and rock, music has long been a powerful force for change. In this workshop with accomplished singer-songwriter and music educator **Noe Venable**, we'll learn songs from a variety of traditions that can help bring us back into right alignment with: spirit, our own deep selves, the Earth, and each other. Everyone (at any level of musical ability or any age) welcome: Come connect, have a great time, and leave uplifted and renewed, equipped with powerful new songs to help you through life's struggles.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

**Activists/Changemakers Meet-up**

Bioneers attracts an amazingly diverse mix of cutting-edge activists working on a broad range of issues around the country and the planet. Come meet fellow agents of change to compare notes and share ideas and visions of the future. Facilitated by **Yeshe Salz**, Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network (BayCAN).

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

**SolutionCraft Ecological Education  
Booth & Demonstrations**

Come learn about a host of appropriate technologies and creative ecological solutions from solar cooking to wood-efficient rocket stoves to natural building methods and zero-waste systems. SolutionCraft seeks to inspire the building and use of simple ecological solutions accessible to all! With: **Brennan Blazer Bird**.

*Location: SolutionCraft Booth*

**Permaculture Food Forestry &  
Herbalism**

Imagine a city where lawns are replaced with fruit and nut trees and other edible crops, where porches and windowsills overflow with culinary and medicinal herbs. Let's make this a reality in our own yards and porches! Come hear about food forests and permaculture, medicinal herbs that everyone should be familiar with, and herbs that grow well in Bay

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Area climates. We'll also have the opportunity to engage with interactive boards throughout the space to share ideas, connect with others, and get inspired. With: **John Valenzuela**, Cornucopia Food Forest Gardens and Santa Cruz Permaculture; **Cameron Salomon**, Kindred Herbs. Hosted by: **Melissa Fant** and **David Shaw** from Santa Cruz Permaculture.

*Location: World Cafe*

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

### Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming

**Paul Hawken** and guests will lead a collaborative workshop in which we will explore the dynamics of reversing global warming as laid out by the groundbreaking initiative Paul founded, Project Drawdown. We will also discuss the social pathways for implementing these solutions and the math behind the plan. Participants are free to bring their own plans, ideas and experience.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

### Global Networks of Women: How “She-Power” Is Connecting Across Nations to Leverage Learning and Change

For women to be effective in “stepping into their power” and create a better world, they need the support of other women—they need to build alliances and communities across differences. It is only when women can connect across false divides globally that their struggles to protect and defend ecosystems, slow climate change and increase gender and social justice can succeed. Join some exemplary women activists who have had great success building diverse movements and bridging differences. With: **Clare Dubois**, founder and CEO of TreeSisters; **Osprey Orielle Lake**, founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN); **Jean Shinoda Bolen**, M.D., renowned psychiatrist, Jungian analyst, activist and internationally best-selling author; **Margaret Zhou**, Partnerships Manager for International Rivers. Hosted

by **Cecile Lipworth**, founder of Ripple Catalyst Studio and host of the weekly feminist radio show, Brave Space.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

### Working with the Bio-Intelligence of Plants for Healing and Guidance During Insane Times

How can conscious engagement with plants, with which we've co-evolved since the dawn of our species, support healing in the physical, emotional and spiritual realms and help mend our separation from nature? Three brilliant herbalists/botanists, long on the cutting-edge of re-empowering the plant-human bond, share their insights. Hosted by **Kathleen Harrison**, plant person extraordinaire, President of Botanical Dimensions. With: **Pam Montgomery**, world-renowned herbalist, educator, spiritual ecologist, founder of the Organization of Nature Evolutionaries (O.N.E.), organizer of the Green Nations Gathering, author of *Plant Spirit Healing* and *Partner Earth*; **Jolie Elan**, founding Director of Go Wild Institute, deep ecologist, ethnobotanist, and global educator; **Kami McBride**, author of *The Herbal Kitchen*, with 25 years' teaching experience, longtime leader of the beloved Earth Connection herb walks at Bioneers.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Building Resilience in a Climate-Changed World

As the massive impacts of climate-change bear down on us, we need to develop and rapidly deploy a wide range of strategies to make our coastal, rural and urban communities as physically, economically, ecologically and psychologically resilient as possible. Leading practitioners explore a diverse array of approaches to building resilience. With: **Brett KenCairn**, Senior Climate and Sustainability Coordinator, City of Boulder, CO; **Eriel Deranger** (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation), Executive Director, Indigenous Climate Action; **Felicia Marcus**, JD, former Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board. Moderated by **Mark Prain**, Executive Director, Edmund Hillary Institute of New Zealand.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

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## Transforming the Food System

The world faces a confluence of crises—climate disruption, resource depletion, loss of biodiversity, food insecurity, seed industry consolidation, dying oceans. Fixing the global food system would make one of the most significant contributions to mitigating many of those calamities. A truly stellar, eclectic group of food systems thought leaders/activists/innovators will share creative responses to transforming the food system so that it genuinely serves people and the planet. Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Director of Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Program. With: **Gary Nabhan**, author, researcher, professor, farmer, genius, one of our era's greatest agricultural ecologists and ethnobotanists; **Karen Washington**, co-owner of NYC's Rise and Root Farm, one of the nation's legendary pioneers of urban farming; **Severine v T Fleming**, Director of Greenhorns, founding Board President of the Agrarian Trust, one of the nation's leading advocates and activists for young farmers; **Naomi Starkman**, founder and editor-in-chief of *Civil Eats*.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## A Conversation on the Role of Art in Social Change Movements

"The Role of the Artist is to make the Revolution Irresistible." Tony Cade Bambara  
Several groundbreaking artists who have devoted their lives to creating work that amplifies social change movements engage in a lively discussion about what role the contemporary artist can play in our collective struggles to create a more just, equitable and beautiful world. With: **Joel Dean Stockdill**; **Yustina Salnikova**; **Monique Sonoquie**; **Remy**.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## Digital Natives

Some of the most thrilling innovations and ideas are happening at the intersection of Indigenous worldviews and digital technologies. In this groundbreaking panel, we celebrate Native Americans in tech. Join us for a fascinating discussion to learn first-hand how Native youth are using digital tools to tell their stories, Native tech professionals are working to transform the industry from the inside, and

Native culture-bearers are using tech solutions to positively impact their communities and beyond. With: **Erica Persons** (Miwok) of AICRC Oakland; **Brisa Yopez** (Hopland Pomo) of CIMCC; **Danielle Forward** (Pomo) of Facebook; and **Ishmael Hope** (Tlingit/Inupiaq), Storyteller, writer and consultant of the multi award-winning video game, *Never Alone*.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership. Self as Super-(s) hero, Dream City Edition

When your dream city is threatened, who might your super(s)heroes be, and how would they work together? In this art-based workshop, youth will design superheroic figures who could respond to the most pressing issues in their communities and co-create a better world together. Participants will share real-world stories to connect over art and to look for solutions that draw from the resources and talents embedded in their own communities. Led by **Neeka Salmasi** and Youth from Attitudinal Healing Connection.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## Change Your Life, Change the World...in 10 Syllables!

For millennia, we Earthlings have harnessed the power of pithy words to make changes in order to increase the odds of a future worth living. Come discover that you too have the power to turn your deepest truths and questions about our wobbly times into tiny but mighty 10-syllable wisdom-bits that can help you change your life and the world. Come write and speak your life forward in this interactive session with **Rachel Bagby**, originator of *Dekaaz*, co-founder of Women Bridging Worlds, author of *Divine Daughters: Liberating the Power and Passion of Women's Voices and Daughterhood: Sounding / Hidden Truths / Ignite Your Freedom*.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## Liberatory Designs from The Root to the Fruit

What would our society look like if we could marshal whole systems thinking that combined the best cultural and spiritual blueprints

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of our ancestors with our most radical contemporary creative imaginations? Some of the greatest visionary activists of our time, who happen to be women of color, gather to share stories and lived experiences to inspire us to rebirth ourselves personally, re-imagine our relationships to each other, and collectively manifest new systems, structures, policies and practices. With: **Sonali Sangeeta Balajee**, founder of The Bodhi Project; **Brandi Mack**, National Director of The Butterfly Movement; **Taj Kumarie Moteelall**, founder and Co-Leader of Standing In Our Power.

*Location: Women's Tent*

## All About Chocolate

In this thrilling outdoor workshop, passionate chocolate-maker extraordinaire **Jonas Ketterle** of Firefly Ceremonial Cacao 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!).

*Location: Hands On Workshop Space*

## Walking Transformation: How to Radiate Peace with Every Step

**Russell** and **Suki Munsell** have forty years' experience in a wide range of mind-body modalities, movement disciplines, and somatic therapies. Join them in this outdoor workshop as they share their Dynamic Vitality Method, a unique full-body experience for all ages and fitness levels. You'll learn Dynamic Walking, a biomechanically based method to create balance between your mind, body and intention. Embodiment a more vibrant, graceful presence as you move through your life.

*Location: Meet at Information Booth on the edge of Central Lawn*



## A Conversation with Bill McKibben & Fossil-Free UC on Climate Justice & Divestment

The climate justice movement is changing the conversation with many creative new strategies, including Fridays for the Future, the Green New Deal, and constant pressure for our institutions and municipalities to divest from fossil fuels. In July 2019, faculty across the UC system voted in favor of divesting from 200 publicly traded fossil fuel companies. While waiting for the UC Regents' decision, activists of all ages continue to mobilize for divestment and climate justice. With: **Bill McKibben**, Right Livelihood Award laureate and co-founder of 350.org; **Clair Brown**, UC Berkeley Professor of Economics; **Laurel Levin**, student organizer with #FossilFreeUC; **Kristy Drutman**, host of Brown Girl Green. Hosted by: **Chris Benner**, Institute for Social Transformation at UC Santa Cruz; **David Shaw**, Right Livelihood College at UC Santa Cruz.

*Location: World Cafe*

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*Location: Community of Mentors*

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 4:30 - 6:00PM

### Round Table—Transformative Climate Action: "Solve-the-Whole-Problem" Approaches

Nothing less than a fundamental transformation of our civilization and our worldviews will truly address the climate cataclysm: the reinvention of everything. This spontaneous free-range jam will spin the dial to surface the diverse forces that can unite humanity to change the story and world. Hosted by **Greg Watson**, Schumacher Center for a New

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Economy. With: **Bill McKibben**, 350.org; **John a. Powell**, Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society; **Kim Stanley Robinson**, one of the world's leading visionary science fiction authors; **Osprey Orielle Lake**, founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN).

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

## **Intergenerational Conversations: Sharing Wisdom and Building Alliances**

Join an engaging conversation on intergenerational solidarity and the reciprocal learning that occurs when people at different life stages work together. The discussion will revolve around youth-led movements, adult ally-ship and the magic of sharing wisdom across generations. With: **Carolyn Norr** of Youth vs. Apocalypse (350.org's Bay Area youth-led climate justice initiative); others TBA.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## **Women, Diversity, and Sexual Minorities in the Psychedelic Community**

*Hosted by The Chacruna Institute for Psychedelic Plant Medicines*

Although the enormous growth of interest in and research on psychedelic substances' potential for psychological healing and consciousness expansion is exciting, there are shadow sides of the psychedelic community that require attention. Women's contributions to the field have too often been downplayed, and the abuse of women in some psychedelic underground circles has been a serious problem. Also, people of color, LGBTQ and other minority communities have been under-represented in psychedelic conclaves. A stellar panel of figures at the cutting-edge of inclusivity advocacy in the psychedelic community will share their perspectives on how to remedy these problems. Hosted by **Bia Labate**, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Chacruna Institute, on the faculty of The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS), and Public Education and Culture Specialist at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). With: **Emily Sinclair**, leader of the Ayahuasca

Community Guide for the Awareness of Sexual Abuse initiative; **Sarah Scheld**, a coordinator of MAPS' MDMA Therapy Training Program; **Monnica T. Williams**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of psychology at the University of Connecticut; **Sara Reed**, MS, MFT, a study therapist in the Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy for Major Depression initiative at Yale University.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## **Large-Scale Landscape Conservation and a Global Deal for Nature**

Biodiversity continues to plummet and species extinctions are accelerating, but we know that nature can be astonishingly resilient, given the opportunity. We just have to protect ecosystems enough for them to be able to regenerate. Fortunately, there are a number of impressive efforts afoot across the globe to conserve and protect vast swaths of the planet, connecting and restoring landscapes at large scales. Some frontline activists working in this field share their insights and strategies. With: **Carly Vynne**, Ph.D, Strategic Partner at RESOLVE, advisor to the Global Deal for Nature; **Rod Fujita**, PhD, Director of Research and Development, Oceans Program, Environmental Defense Fund. Hosted by **Atossa Soltani**, founder and Board President of Amazon Watch.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## **We The People: Co-Operative Ownership for the 21st Century**

How can we transform our economic system into one that doesn't result in massive inequality and catastrophic environmental degradation? Leading figures in developing more humane, sustainable and resilient ownership structures, including cooperatives, value-driven trusts, and hybrid models, will discuss new and old ideas, share their experiences about what's working and what isn't, and explore how to accelerate the changes our economies and ecosystems so desperately need. Hosted by **Theresa Marquez**, former Chief Marketing Executive, Organic Valley Cooperative. With: **Hilary Abell**, Project

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Equity; **Camille Canon**, Purpose; **Keith Taylor**, UC Davis Cooperative Extension.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## **Brave Space: Women Movement Leaders Bridging Divisions**

Women are the first responders to the Earth's pain. As women movement leaders expose and work to dismantle the logic of exploitation that's destroying the planet, they're stepping into a brave space to bridge the divides of identity politics. In the process, they are working to give us a deeper understanding of how issues affecting women intersect with the pain of Mother Earth and how we might heal our communities, create regenerative and just solutions, and ultimately save the planet. Hosted by **Cecile Lipworth**, former Director of the global V-Day campaign. With: **Tajj Kumarie Moteelall**, founder of Standing in Our Power, former Executive Director of Resource Generation; **Tianna Arredondo** of the Youth Climate Justice Spokesperson Bureau; **Vanessa Daniel**, founder and Executive Director of Groundswell Fund.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

## **From Alcatraz to Standing Rock, and Beyond: On the Past 50 and the Next 50 Years of Indigenous Activism**

2019 commemorates the 50-year anniversary of the 19-month Native American student occupation of Alcatraz, which captured the world's attention and led to real policy changes to improve the lives of Native American peoples through increased self-determination. Since then, generations of activists have followed in those footsteps and vigorously fought racist, sexist, and classist U.S. government policies. In this historic panel we'll hear from Indigenous activists from three generations who were on the frontlines, respectively, at Alcatraz, Standing Rock, and other struggles, as they compare notes and discuss their visions of the next 50 years of Indigenous activism. With: **Corrina Gould** (Ohlone); **Julian NoiseCat** (Secwepmc); **LaNada War Jack** (Shoshone); **Clayton Thomas-Muller** (Mathias Colomb Cree/aka Pukatawagan).

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## **Youth Leadership.**

### **Open Mic & Poetry Slam**

Come witness and share in radical, inspiring performances by young poets and creatives at this spoken-word open-mic hosted by **Jada Imani** of Tatu Vision and Youth Speaks.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## **Shifting Paradigms: An Experiential Process of Emergence and Awakening**

There is huge energetic support available to us when we open collectively towards the selves that we have yet to become. We will work in pairs and as one collective "being-ness" to take our collective consciousness through the ages of dominance and awakening in order to touch, feel and access the latent potential of a third paradigmatic reality: the emerging age or restoration. Come join an inspiring visionary leader on an empowering journey and become far more prepared to anchor the coming age of restoration into your life. Led by **Clare Dubois**, founder/CEO of TreeSisters.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## **Reimagining and "Greening" the End of Life**

The denial of death, of the feminine and of our climate crisis have a common root—a profound disconnection from our bodies and the natural world. New end-of-life practices are emerging to shift us away from disembodiment and toxicity and towards partnering with nature to reclaim our wholeness and the sacred. We'll highlight aspects of this work being led by women in hospice, bedside and palliative care, home funerals and green burials—reimagining the place of death in our communities and culture. Hosted by author/activist **Anneke Campbell**. With: **Ladybird Morgan**, hospice nurse, social worker and Director of the Humane Prison Hospice Project; **Shoshana Ungerleider**, MD specialist in Palliative Care, founder of EndWell; **Katrina Spade**, founder and CEO of Recompose.

*Location: Women's Tent*



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## Humanizing Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

21st century humanity faces an unprecedented challenge: artificial intelligence (AI). If properly aligned with the values of humanity, AI could bring tremendous benefits. Used inappropriately it would pose enormous risks. Automated Decision-Making Systems are already posing serious problems, and ultimately the emergence of Artificial Super Intelligence could lead to the extinction of humanity. Join us for presentations and conversations about the conundrums posed by machine learning, data science and AI. With: **Nicanor Perlas**, Right Livelihood Award laureate; **Lise Getoor**, UC Santa Cruz Professor of Computer Science. Hosted by: **Chris Benner**, Institute for Social Transformation at UC Santa Cruz; **David Shaw**, Right Livelihood College at UC Santa Cruz.

*Location: World Cafe*

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*Location: Community of Mentors*

## SATURDAY NIGHT FILMS WITH FILMMAKERS 6:40-10:00PM

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### 6:40pm — Inside the Sunrise Movement

This short documentary captures the dynamism and commitment of the young activists of the Sunrise Movement, which catapulted into national attention to demand action on the Green New Deal. (6 minutes)

### 7:00pm — Journey to Pavitrmenthe

“I do not know of a company that does more per dollar for the earth and its people than Dr. Bronner’s.” Paul Hawken

Journey to Pavitrmenthe explores how the exemplary socially and environmentally conscious Dr. Bronner’s soap company partners with more than 1,500 small-scale farmers who use regenerative organic agriculture practices in Bareilly, India. (8 minutes)

### 7:10pm — Almost Visible

We are privileged to be able to be the first to show some excerpts of this yet-to-be-released work-in-progress by filmmaker Klea McKenna, which tracks the story of an unlikely 25-year friendship between American ethnobotanist Kathleen Harrison and an indigenous Mazatec shaman in the mountains of southern Mexico. What began as fieldwork became a deep entanglement of two families during an era of cultural upheaval. Introduced by **Klea McKenna** and **Kathleen Harrison**. (15 minutes)

### 7:40pm — Mbudha: In the Chimpanzees’ Footsteps

In 2015, Anne Laudisoit, a Belgian biologist expert in zoonotic diseases and explorer with EcoHealth Alliance who has long worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo, discovered a hitherto unknown-to-science band of chimpanzees, one of the world’s most endangered species, in a remote unstudied forest fragment in a frequently war torn part of the country. She and a team of Congolese researchers returned there in 2017 with a camera crew to document their findings: this extraordinary film is the result. Introduced by **Anne Laudisoit** and Director **Caroline Thirion**. (60 minutes)

### 8:50pm — From Shock to Awe

This powerful film offers us an intimate, raw look at the transformational journey of two combat veterans suffering from severe PTSD as they abandon pharmaceuticals to seek relief through unconventional means: the use of the Amazonian psychedelic, ayahuasca, as well as MDMA. It raises fundamental questions about war, the pharmaceutical industry,

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and our legal system, but it is above all a gripping account of two men and their spouses and families' struggles to find healing. Introduced by **Janine Sagert**, one of the film's producers. (87 minutes)

## SATURDAY NIGHT

**6:15pm**

### Planetary Dance

**Daria Halprin** leads us in this legendary, powerful ceremonial dance of peace co-created by her mother, world-renowned dance pioneer and revered teacher, Marin's own Anna Halprin.

*Location: Central Lawn*

**6:00pm**

### Queer Ecologies! An LGBTQ Mixer

What would a queer ecological future feel like, sound like, taste like? Join us for a prideful celebration as we step into that future together. Through an evening of visionary music, art, performance, and community conversation, we will celebrate the biological exuberance of this queer earth, honor the legacies of survival and resilience of our LGBTQ history, explore the impact of climate change on our communities, and dream-up together how we build that queer ecological future where all beings survive and thrive. There will be music, art and refreshments. This will be a safer space for LGBTQ+ members of our Bioneers community to meet and celebrate our identities and our diverse and symbiotic work for justice and sustainability. Allies are welcome. Facilitated by **Vanessa Raditz, Orion Camero, Kyle Lemle**.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

**6:30pm**

### Seed Exchange

Come help conserve the living botanical treasure of biodiversity by exchanging open-pollinated seeds. Hosted by expert seed savers from: **Occidental Arts and Ecology Center, Tesuque Pueblo Tribal Farm, and Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library**. Opening Ceremony with **Emigdio Ballon**.

*Location: Exhibit Hall*



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**Leila Salazar López**

### Networking for Everyone

Come mingle with fellow Bioneers participants to share your thoughts, feelings and impressions of what you've seen and heard during the weekend so far, and to get to know some of the other remarkable people who attend the conference. Facilitated by **Yeshe Salz**, Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network (BayCAN).

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

**7:30pm**

### 30th Anniversary Bioneers Open Mic Dinner Bash

In honor of Bioneers' 30th birthday our Saturday Night Dinner will be different this year: We're going to provide an open mic for 45 minutes for you, the Bioneers community, to testify! Tell a short story or share what Bioneers has meant to you and your work, but we're going to be fierce about keeping each testimony to 2 minutes (max) so as many of you as possible can lift their voices. As always, it will be a high time, with memorable food and inspiring company. Note: This event will be filmed, so attending means you agree to be filmed for future public screening. Separate Admission: \$90

*Location: Embassy Suites Ballroom*

**9:30pm - Midnight**

### Saturday Night Dance Party

With local legendary all-women DJ collective, the **B-side Brujas**; followed by DJ **Santero**, spinning an eclectic mix of international danceable music ranging from African to Latin to South Asian and everywhere in between.

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

## **KEYNOTES AND PERFORMANCES 9AM-1PM**

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

**Drumming by** Deb Lane and Afia  
Walking Tree

**Welcome by** Kenny Ausubel & Nina Simons

### **LEILA SALAZAR LÓPEZ** **The Amazon at a Tipping Point: Can We Turn It Around?**

*Introduction by Eriel Deranger, Executive  
Director, Indigenous Climate Action*

Unprecedented fires, deliberately set to expand industrial agriculture and other extractive development, are burning across the Amazon, a dangerous escalation of the global climate emergency. Scientists warn that the Amazon is reaching “the tipping point” of ecological collapse, but Indigenous movements across the region are resisting and calling for international solidarity to help them defend their rights and territories. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have protected their sacred ancestral territories. Leila Salazar Lopez, Executive Director of Amazon Watch, urges us to stand with them to protect and restore the bio-cultural integrity of the Amazon, because our collective future depends on it.

### **KALI AKUNO** **Making the Transition from Extraction to Regeneration**

*Introduction by David Cobb,  
Cooperation Humboldt*

Given the existential threats of climate change, economic inequality and ever escalating political instability, we need concrete, integrated solutions to our shared problems. An inspiring model of what such an integrated approach could look like is Jackson, Mississippi's Cooperation Jackson, an emerging network of worker cooperatives and solidarity economy institutions working to institute a

Just Transition Plan to develop a regenerative economy and participatory democracy in that city. Kali Akuno, co-founder and Executive Director of Cooperation Jackson, shares his experiences helping conceive and build these extraordinarily promising strategies and social structures that reveal that we can put our shoulders to the wheel and build a truly just and sustainable future.

### **A Neo-shamanic Transformative Journey Through Arctic Sounds** **A performance by OLOX**

*(Zarina Kopyrina and Andreas Jones)*

The duet OLOX, which combines Zarina Kopyrina's ancient, traditional Siberian shamanic music with modern sounds, has performed around the world, from Burning Man to the Kremlin to Iceland to the Arctic. Zarina is passionately engaged with activism and advocacy for the rights and lands of far northern Indigenous peoples.

### **DEMOND DRUMMER** **A Green New Deal**

*Introduction by Michelle Romero,  
National Director, Green For All*

New Consensus is a leading-edge non-profit policy “think tank” working behind the scenes supplying research and detailed policy proposals for the Green New Deal to its leading political advocates, such as Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasion Cortez. Demond Drummer, New Consensus' co-founder and Executive Director, well known in Chicago as a highly effective activist whose notable projects include CoderSpace, a computer science learning lab where students develop leadership skills, and a community-driven effort to reclaim city-owned vacant lots, is one of the true intellectual architects of the Green New Deal. He will draw from the history of FDR's WWII mobilization, the moonshot of the 1960s and the Civil Rights Movement to explain the critical importance of the Green New Deal as the next chapter of the American story.

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## Youth Leadership Presentation:

**ISHA CLARKE**

### A New Era of the Climate Justice Movement

To build a successful global climate movement, we must prioritize the voices of those most impacted by environmental injustice. We must recognize that our current climate crisis is rooted in racism, white supremacy, and greed. We must also resist efforts to tokenize the term “intersectionality” rather than actually implementing it in our movements and daily lives. What would a movement and a society functioning on a genuine understanding of intersectionality look like?

### INTRINSIC: A Performance by CLIMBING POETREE

Climbing PoeTree harnesses creativity as the antidote to destruction through their award-winning spoken word and hip hop-infused world music. They’ll perform material from their dazzling recent album, *Intrinsic*, a collaboration with over 33 world-class musicians.

### CASEY CAMP-HORINEK Aligning Human Law with Natural Law

*Introduction by Alexis Bunten, Co-Director,  
Bioneers Indigeneity Program*

According to Casey Camp-Horinek, for as long as Mother Earth and Father Sky have blessed all life on Earth with sustenance, there has been a Sacred System honored by all species. Only humans have strayed wildly from these original instructions to live in harmony with all and to recognize our place in the Great Mystery. Now, she says, in this crucial moment, we must find our way back to Balance if we are to avoid the unraveling of the web of life. Casey is tribal Councilwoman of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and an internationally renowned, longtime Native and Human Rights and Environmental Justice activist, as well as an Emmy Award-winning actress and author.

### TIM MERRY

The Slam Poet Harvester weaves this weekend’s highlights into bardic verse.

**Closing Remarks** by Kenny Ausubel and Nina Simons

**Closing Performance** by Oakland’s own Thrive Choir

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME 1:30 – 2:30 PM

### Indigenous Resistance and International Solidarity for the Amazon

The Amazon rainforest and its peoples are facing the worst attacks in decades under Brazil’s new far-right government, which is promoting massive deforestation for mining and agribusiness. Indigenous movements in Brazil are resisting, calling for international solidarity to defend their rights and territories. Join us in a lunchtime presentation and call to action to protect rainforests, rights and the climate. With: **Leila Salazar-López** (Chicana) Executive Director of Amazon Watch; **Atossa Soltani**, Global Strategist with the Sacred Headwaters Initiative; **Maria Xiomara Dorsey**, Brasil Solidarity Network and Idle No More SF; **Brus Rubio** (Muruy/Huitoto, Bora) Indigenous painter from the Peruvian Amazon.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

### Permaculture, Cooperatives & Community Wealth

Universities and their students, staff, faculty, and visitors spend large amounts of money in countless businesses, as do hospitals. Imagine if most of these businesses were in the university or hospital’s community and were cooperatively owned by their workers. This would provide an enormous boost to local prosperity and social justice. Join us to learn more about the concept of “anchor institutions,” as well as a current initiative organized by UC graduate students to launch worker-owned cooperatives around UC campuses. With: **Ted Howard**, Democracy Collaborative; **Marcus Renner**, UC Community Economies Collaborative. Hosted by: **Melissa Fant**, **John Valenzuela**, **David Shaw** from Santa Cruz Permaculture.

*Location: World Cafe*

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 2:45–4:15PM

### Round Table—Beyond Capitalism and Socialism: Inventing the Regenerative Economy

What's the shape of an economy that puts nature, equity, dignified labor, and distributed ownership at its center? How does greater localization build a resilient, regenerative economy from the bottom up? How can AI and robots not lead to mass dis-employment? How do we get from here to somewhere over the rainbow? Hosted by **Greg Watson** of the Shumacher Center for New Economics. With: **Kali Akuno**, Cooperation Jackson, MS; **Ted Howard**, the Democracy Collaborative.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

### Bridging Divides: Co-creating a Culture of Belonging

What would bridging the many divisions and polarizations that separate us look and feel like? Could smart, heartfelt bridging strategies help us begin to heal the racial, gender, environmental, class and health traumas that roil our society? Join us for a conversation about what shapes and divides us, and what can help propel us towards a world of belonging for all—a roundtable conversation with Bioneers Board members with: **john a. powell**, **Anita Sanchez**, **Bryan Welch** and **Eriel Deranger**; hosted by **Sonali Sangeeta Balajee**.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Cultivating Changemakers: Creating Educational Experiences That Catalyze Collective Action

A successful transition to a sustainable and just future will require masses of conscious citizens who feel genuinely connected to the Earth and to each other and are ready to act as authentic change-makers. Four of our nation's most creative system-changers share innovative and effective approaches to education, for all age groups, that lead to cultural transformation. Join them for a lively discussion about creativity, power, and possibility. With: **Vanessa LeBourdais**, DreamRider Productions, creator of the Planet Protector Academy; **Alix Garcia** and **Naima Penniman**



Zarina Kopyrina/OLOX

(aka Climbing PoeTree) award-winning multimedia artists, organizers, and educators; **Brandi Mack**, holistic health educator, Permaculture designer, National Director of The Butterfly Movement.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

### Fighting to Preserve our Planet's Biodiversity: Women Scientists on the Frontlines

We are facing ever more dire threats to the diversity of life in the biosphere. We are in the midst of the 6th great extinction of life forms in Earth's history (the only one caused by human beings). Young people in such movements as Extinction Rebellion are rising up to demand action, and some of the most courageous engaged scientists of our era, many of them women, are working on the frontlines to analyze and explain what is happening on the ground and what needs to be done to reverse our species' catastrophic trajectory. With: **Anne Laudisoit**, Ph.D., eco-epidemiologist and wildlife biologist, with extensive experience in Africa, Senior Scientist with the EcoHealth Alliance; **Madhavi Colton**, Program Director of the Coral Reef Alliance; **Carly Vynne**, Ph.D, Strategic Partner at RESOLVE, advisor to the Global Deal for Nature.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

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## Borderlands

Donald Trump ordered the children of migrants and refugees to be forcefully removed from their parents and placed in concentration camps, resulting in numerous deaths. These atrocities represent a small fraction of an ongoing border crisis fueled by a hyper-capitalist economy historically rooted in genocide and slavery. This panel presents heartbreaking stories about and hopeful solutions to the border crisis from an Indigenous perspective. We will hear first-hand accounts of what it feels like to have a border cut through your ancestral territory, explore ways to reduce the need for migration through traditional economies, and discuss how re-indigenization offers a pathway of hope for migrants after they settle in the U.S. Hosted by: **Cara Romero** (Chemehuevi). With: **Josue Rivas** (Aztec); **Nany Zepeda** (Maya); **Stanley Rodriguez** (Kumeyay); **Ofelia Rivas** (O'odham).

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership.

### Mapping Our Movements Together

In this dynamic workshop youth will use a World Cafe collective inquiry process to do a deep dive into emergent practices and questions within climate and social justice movements. Participants will engage in intimate conversations with their peers to cross-pollinate and unearth their collective wisdom. No experience in these movements is necessary to participate. Led by **Santa Cruz Permaculture**.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

### Relational Mindfulness: 9 Principles for Powerful Communication in a Changing World

Experience and learn powerful practices that help us deepen and transform our connection to ourselves and to others, tapping into the shared power of interconnection in order to radically boost our capacity for resilience, skillful response and regeneration. With: **Deborah Eden Tull**, founder of Mindful Living Revolution, experienced meditation teacher and sustainable communities pathfinder, author of *Relational Mindfulness: A Handbook*

*for Deepening Our Connection with Ourselves, Each Other, and Our Planet.*

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

### Ecofeminism: The Radical Grassroots Movement That's Changing Everything But Is Rarely Named

The convergence of women, nature and justice is where much of the most effective social organizing is happening right now, but an understanding of Eco-feminism (which is the nexus of all three) remains elusive and outside of popular discourse. Join five leading change-makers for a conversation about Ecofeminism, how we might leverage it, and why it's critically important at this historical moment. With: **Starhawk**, illustrious author, activist and permaculturist; **Osprey Orielle Lake**, founder/President of the Women's Earth and Climate Caucus; **Pat McCabe** (Woman Stands Shining), Diné (Navajo) activist, artist, writer, ceremonial leader and international speaker; **Sarah Drew**, poet and visionary author of *Gaia Codex*. Hosted by **Cecile Lipworth**, founder of Ripple Catalyst Studio and host of the weekly feminist radio show, *Brave Space*.

*Location: Women's Tent*

### Water Harvesting Design - Hands-On Practices & Principles

Holistic watershed management is the critical guiding principle to any ecological design. Come learn the basics of water harvesting on a residential or land project scale through hands-on demonstrations and real-life practices. **Brennan Blazer Bird** and **Mauricio Rivera** will show us how to: calculate rainwater flow and tank size; integrate rainwater systems into our designs; passively collect rainwater in different earthworks systems; best harvest greywater from our bathroom or laundry; and live in better relationship with water.

*Location: Hands On Workshop Space*

### Community of Mentors

Bioneers is inherently a community of mentors; people eager to learn, share, explore and create together. Community of Mentors offers youth the opportunity to be in small group

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mentoring sessions with Bioneers presenters. The presenters will share their life experience in an interactive dialogue with youth who are seeking guidance on their path to activism. With **Vanessa Raditz**, Organizer & Educator of the Queer Ecojustice Project. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 4:30–6:00PM

### Stopping the Abuse and Murder of Native Women (MMIW): Getting on the Mother Earth Road from Violence to the Sacred

Indigenous women experience 10 times higher rates of violence, murder and abuse than women of other ethnicities—a direct result of an economic system that privileges extraction over human rights. But Indigenous women are also fighting back: organizing, and raising their voices in solidarity to restore balance. In this session, powerful Native women leaders discuss how to address the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women crisis and share inspiring practices that can help us to shape our own activism. With: **Casey Camp-Horinek** (Ponca); **Morning Star Gali** (Sacramento); **Ozawa Bineshi Albert** (Yuchi and Annishinaabe); **Simone Senogles** of the Indigenous Environmental Network.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### A Just Transition: Workforce Development and Jobs for A New Clean Economy

The global transition to clean energy has to occur—the only questions are whether we can get there in time to avoid the most catastrophic scenarios and how equitable the new economy will be. It's essential that those at risk of being left behind can be brought along so they too can prosper in a new clean and green economy. Some key players in this field lay out a practical vision for how the right job training and workforce development programs can achieve that goal. Hosted by: **Vien Truong**, one of the country's leading experts



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*Isha Clarke*

on building an equitable green economy. With: **Sarah White**, Deputy Director of Equity, Climate and Jobs at the California Workforce Development Board; **Larry Williams Jr.**, Labor and Coal Coordinator for the Sierra Club Labor Program; **Demond Drummer**, Executive Director of New Consensus.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

### Changing the Game: How Women Can Save the World

*Co-sponsored by Our Secure Future, a program of One Earth Future Foundation*

Women are the key to achieving sustainable peace and prosperity globally. To empower them to generate positive transformative change, we need to re-examine dominant assumptions, processes and power structures. Women continue to be marginalized at a time when new inclusive, collaborative, compassionate and humane alternatives are sorely needed. The Women, Peace and Security Agenda, a global gender equality movement driven by women on the frontlines of violence around the world, could change the game. How can we join the effort to create a more peaceful, equitable world order? With: **Sahana Dharmapuri**, Director of Our Secure Future; **Jolynn Shoemaker**, JD, a leading expert on gender equity, women's leadership, peace and security.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

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## The Secret Life of Soil

Soil, one of nature's most complex ecosystems, is often taken for granted, but vibrant soil ecology, which is under assault all over the globe, is ultimately essential to planetary and human health. Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Director of Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Program. With: **David Montgomery** and **Anne Biklé**, co-authors of *The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Roots of Life and Health* (which explores how the soil microbiome influences the human biome and the analogies between soil and gut ecologies); **Dale Strickler**, leading agronomist, author of *The Drought Resilient Farm*.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## Designing for Inclusive, Thriving Resilience in a Complex, Emergent World

Much has been said about the need for Resilience. But there's little clear understanding about the down-to-Earth means for making our transition(s) - from recognizing what's changing (why, where, when & at what pace); to re-designing our mindsets (individually & collectively); to re-inventing our reality(s) (environmentally, socially and, then, economically). In the wake of the devastating fires of 2017, business, social and government leaders in Sonoma County grappled with just such an issue/opportunity - and came out aligned. They're now stepping into implementing, as a collaborative network, their transition. Join our panelists as they share with you both their aspirations for an inclusive, equitable, thriving and resilient Sonoma as well as the story of how they're getting there - exploring with you the emerging "how to" for transitioning your own world(s). Hosted by **R. Scott Spann**. With: **Lisa Carreno**, **Oscar Chavez**, **Reno Keoni Franklin**, **Trathen Heckman**.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## Accelerating Environmental Protection through Women's Grassroots Solutions: An Experiential Leadership Journey

Women all over the U.S. are taking action, shaping policy agendas, raising their voices in solidarity, and amplifying one resonant

message: Grassroots women's leadership can help reshape and restore balance in our communities. The Women's Earth Alliance Environmental Leadership Accelerator Design Team will guide us on an experiential leadership journey, sharing inspiring practices from a wide range of diverse perspectives to help us hone and refine our own visions for engaged activism. Facilitators: **Corrina Gould**, **Pandora Thomas**, **Niria Alicia**, **Kendall Dunnigan**, **Amira Diamond**, **Melinda Kramer**, **Sarita Pockell**, **Arielle Moinester**.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## Youth Leadership: Closing and Reflection

This will be a space for youth who have participated in the Climate Justice, Art Activism and Youth Media tracks to come together and share reflections from their weekend. What are you taking with you? How do you envision integrating what you have experienced at Bioneers into your life? How can Bioneers expand and improve its youth programming to support you further on your path? All youth are welcome to attend and engage in the conversation! Facilitated by **Maya Carlson**, Bioneers Youth Leadership Program Coordinator.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## How to Make Beautiful Trouble: Direct Action Tactics and Strategies

It has never been more urgent to rise up for the planet and her people and for all of us to show up to expose the violence and injustice in our country and around the world, but to be effective, we need the right approaches and tools. Some leading activists with long experience in frontline struggles will share their expertise, exploring such topics as how to determine which tactic is right at a given moment, how best to prepare for an action, and how to use one's campaigns to sway opinion. With: **Jodie Evans**, co-founder/Co-Director, CODEPINK; **Nancy Mancias**, Divest from War campaigner, CODEPINK; **Scott Parkin**, Organizing Director, Rainforest Action Network.

*Location: Women's Tent*

# INDIGENEITY PROGRAM

**BIONEERS' INDIGENEITY PROGRAM** shares Indigenous approaches to solving the earth's most pressing environmental and social issues.

The annual TEK Workshop and Indigenous Forum are sovereign spaces dedicated to the indigenous programming at the annual Bioneers Conference. Indigenous speakers offer uniquely valuable perspectives promoting the conservation of biocultural diversity, the protection of native lands, and indigenous human rights. The educational outreach between cultures is Native-advised and honors the intellectual property and cultural privacy of Native Peoples while creating an invitational format to bridge indigenous knowledge and contemporary issues with a mainstream audience.

## INDIGENEITY PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

*Indigenous Forum (IF)*

*Veterans Memorial Auditorium (UMA)*

### THURSDAY 10/17:

9:00-4:30 pm: TEK Workshop: Baskets and Babies: Honoring California Indigenous Knowledge (*off-site*) McNears Beach



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### FRIDAY 10/18:

9:18 am: Opening Ceremony with L Frank Manriquez (*UMA*)

12:00 pm: Julian NoiseCat - Youth Keynote (*UMA*)

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM

2:45 pm: The Circle of Life—Women as Life-Givers and First Responders (*IF*)

4:30 pm: Somatic Archaeology® and Neuro-Decolonization for Intergenerational Healing (*IF*)



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### SATURDAY 10/19:

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM

2:45 pm: Digital Natives (*IF*)

4:30 pm: From Alcatraz to Standing Rock, and Beyond: On the Past 50 and the Next 50 Years of Indigenous Activism (*IF*)

### SUNDAY 10/20:

11:45 am: Casey Camp-Horinek—Keynote (*UMA*)

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM

1:30 pm: Indigenous Resistance and International Solidarity for the Amazon (*IF*)

2:45 pm: Borderlands (*IF*)

4:30 pm: MMIW—Native Women on the Mother Earth Road from Violence to the Sacred (*IF*)



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You can also visit our Indigenous friends and partners working towards social justice, environmental protection, education, and cultural awareness in booths and tables outside the Indigenous Forum.

# INTERACTIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM

*For anyone interested in participating in engaged, interactive and embodied forums.*

These sessions are intended to offer embodied ways to cultivate skills to support activism, creative expression and civic engagement. Some offer tools to bridge differences and seed respectful collaborations; others offer insights into gender issues, and still others draw from the power of art and somatic experience to heal trauma, increase resilience and ignite change. Some are facilitated conversations; others offer felt experiences. Each session seeks to encourage, inspire and ignite the cultivation of leadership from the inside out – integrating body, heart, mind and spirit. (Note: I/E =Interactive/Experiential Tent)

## FRIDAY 10/18

2:45-4:15

- **Aligning the Personal, Political and Planetary: Purposeful Memoir (I/E Tent)**
- **Earth Connection Herb Walk (meet at Bioneers Information Booth on Central Lawn)**
- **A Conversation about Permaculture & Ecological Justice (World Café)**
- **Growing Our Evolved Self: Dissolving Like a Caterpillar, Evolving Like a Butterfly (Hands On Workshop Space)**

4:30-6:00

- **Resiliency Map/Storytelling Blanket: Community Collaboration & Authentic Dialogue (I/E Tent)**
- **Right Livelihood College— Action-Research for a Just & Sustainable Future (World Café)**

## SATURDAY 10/19

2:45-4:15

- **Change Your Life, Change the World ...in 10 Syllables! (I/E Tent)**
- **All About Chocolate (Hands On Workshop Space)**
- **Walking Transformation: How to Radiate Peace with Every Step (meet at Bioneers Information Booth on Central Lawn)**

4:30-6:00

- **Shifting Paradigms: Experiential Process of Emergence & Awakening (I/E Tent)**



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4:30-6:00 continued

- **Humanizing Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (World Café)**
- **Open Mic & Poetry Slam (Youth Unity Center)**

## SUNDAY 10/20

2:45-4:15

- **Relational Mindfulness: 9 Principles for Powerful Communication in a Changing World (I/E Tent)**
- **Water Harvesting Design – Hands-On Practices & Principles (Hands On Workshop Space)**

4:30-6:00

- **Accelerating Environmental Protection through Women's Grassroots Solutions: Experiential Leadership Journey (I/E Tent)**
- **How to Make Beautiful Trouble: Direct Action Tactics and Strategies (Women's Tent)**

## Related Book Signings at the REAL Books Store in the Exhibit Hall:

**FRIDAY 4:30**—*The Elemental Journey of a Purposeful Memoir* by Jennifer Browdy; *Radical Joy for Hard Times* by Trebbe Johnson

**FRIDAY 6:15pm**—*Nature, Culture and the Sacred: A Woman Listens for Leadership* by Nina Simons

**SATURDAY 6:15pm**—*Equity, Growth, and Community* by Chris Benner

**SUNDAY 4:30pm**— *Relational Mindfulness* by Deborah Eden Tull

# WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP + GENDER-RELATED PROGRAM

These programs explore: rebalancing the feminine and masculine aspects of the psyche, women's leadership at all levels, re-imagining manhood, exploring gender healing, challenging our implicit biases, and related issues. The sessions range from explorations into our interior landscapes to our larger social structures and systemic social change. As with all Bioneers programs, they seek to include diverse perspectives including class, age, ethnicity, etc.

## FRIDAY 10/18

2:45-4:15

- Grief, Sacred Rage, Reckoning and Revolutionary Love (*UMA*)
- The Radical Inclusion of All Genders and Sexualities (*Women's Tent*)
- The Circle of Life—Women as Life-Givers and First Responders (*Indigenous Forum*)
- Seeding the Somatic Field: Embodied Approaches to Transformation (*Sausalito Room*)

4:30-6:00

- Re-Imagining Manhood: Reclaiming Sacred Maleness (*Showcase Theater*)
- The Future of Meat (*Women's Tent*)

## SATURDAY 10/19

2:45-4:15

- Global Networks of Women: How "She-Power" Is Connecting to Leverage Change (*Larkspur Room*)
- Liberatory Designs from The Root to the Fruit (*Women's Tent*)
- Working with the Bio-Intelligence of Plants (*Showcase Theater*)

4:30-6:00

- Brave Space: Women Movement Leaders Bridging Divisions (*Showcase Theater*)
- Reimagining and "Greening" the End of Life (*Women's Tent*)
- Women, Diversity, and Sexual Minorities in the Psychedelic Community (*Larkspur Room*)



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## SUNDAY 10/20

2:45-4:15

- Ecofeminism: The Radical Grassroots Movement That's Changing Everything But Is Rarely Named (*Womens' Tent*)
- Fighting to Preserve our Planet's Biodiversity: Women Scientists on the Frontlines (*Sausalito Room*)
- Cultivating Changemakers: Creating Educational Experiences That Catalyze Collective Action (*Larkspur Room*)

4:30-6:00

- Changing the Game: How Women Can Save the World (*Manzanita Room*)
- Stopping the Abuse and Murder of Native Women (MMIW): Getting on the Mother Earth Road from Violence to the Sacred (*Showcase Theater*)
- Accelerating Environmental Protection through Women's Grassroots Solutions: An Experiential Leadership Journey (*I/E Tent*)

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**FRIDAY 4:30**—*The Apology* by Eve Ensler; *Erosion: Essays of Undoing* by Terry Tempest Williams

**FRIDAY 6:15pm**—*Nature, Culture and the Sacred: A Woman Listens for Leadership* by Nina Simons; *My Body, My Earth* by Ruby Gibson; *Recovering Your Sacredness* by Jerry Tello; *We are Dancing For You* by Cutcha Risling Baldy

**SATURDAY 4:30pm**—*Millionth Circle* by Jean Shinoda Bolen; *Gaia Codex* by Sarah Drew

**SUNDAY 4:30pm**—*City of Refuge* by Starhawk

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Thanks to the support of the Bioneers community, our YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM has become a significant incubator for the next generation of visionary leaders. The cross-pollination that happens when youth gather to listen and learn from one another can be deeply transformative and has the potential to radically shape our future to be more inclusive, regenerative and compassionate.

*Check the General Program for Workshops taking place in the Youth Unity Center Tent*

In addition to the Youth Keynotes and afternoon sessions on visioning yourself as a superhero, media for activism, restorative justice, youth climate justice movements, and a poetry slam, which are listed in the main program schedule, the YLP offers the following:

**COMMUNITY OF MENTORS SESSIONS**—Bioneers presenters and youth engage in small group reciprocal mentoring sessions and interactive council dialogues for meaningful exchange. See schedule for times and presenter/mentor names.

**Friday-Sunday during workshop slots | Location: Community of Mentors**

**SELF AS SUPER-HERO PORTRAIT EXHIBITION**—At least 10 youth-designed superhero portraits will be displayed at the conference for all attendees. Youth at the conference will have a full day of access to art projects via the Attitudinal Healing Connection ArtMobile. These projects will invite youth to question their identities and re-imagine more regenerative and equitable futures. **Location: Outside the Youth Unity Center**

**BLOCK PRINTING STATION**—Youth from Attitudinal Healing Connection will design and operate a patch printing station for all attendees. Walk away with wearable tokens of your experience that exhibit the resilience, creativity, and passion of your experience at Bioneers.

**Saturday 2pm - 6:00pm | Location: Outside the Youth Unity Center**

**WEB OF INTERCONNECTEDNESS INSTALLATION**—Youth will initiate the design of a “Mind Map Board” of issues and solutions that will be an ongoing art installation for conference goers to engage with over the course of the 3-day event.

**Location: Outside the Youth Unity Center**

**YOUTH OF COLOR CAUCUS**—What is the role of youth of color in environmental and social movements? The Youth of Color Caucus is a safe space and open forum where youth of color have an opportunity to sit, listen to one another and share the real issues that come with holding their identities in social and environmental movements as well as in the world at large.

Facilitated by **Brandi Mack**. **Friday at 1:30am | Location: Youth Unity Center**

**LGBTQ TALKING CIRCLE**—Gather together in a space dedicated to speaking our truths and holding each other’s intersectionalities sacred, as we discuss and work through queer identities in social and environmental movements. Open discussion o-facilitated by **Tianna Arredondo** and **Maya Carlson**.

**Saturday 9:30am | Location: Youth Unity Center**

Other ways to make your tax-deductible gift to the Bioneers Youth Scholarship Fund:  
[bioneers.org/supportyouth](http://bioneers.org/supportyouth)

# STAGE ART AND SILENT AUCTION

## STAGE ARTIST

This year's art on the main stage was conceived of and painted by Native American artist **Daniel McCoy Jr.**, born of Muscogee Creek and Citizen Band Potawatomi ancestry in Oklahoma. McCoy, a graduate of the prestigious Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM, was a commercial artist as a teenager, painting everything from TV backdrops to billboards to signs and vehicles. He has since built a career as a visual storyteller painting monumental works that illustrate Creek history and modern life with the psychedelic flare of the San Francisco poster artists of the 60s (such as Rick Griffin and R. Crumb). He has developed a distinctive style and his work has been widely collected in Native Museums, including the Museum of Contemporary Native Art, the Red Cloud Heritage Center, and The Five Civilized Tribes Museum.



*Daniel McCoy, Stage Artist*

The stunning works McCoy has created especially for Bioneers are brilliantly hand-painted light-weight sculptures depicting pollinators and elements of the cosmos that have spiritual relationships to each other and to us. McCoy enjoyed creating these one-of-a-kind sculptures that can be easily taken home and enjoyed as both fine art and as memories of the 2019 Bioneers conference.

## SILENT AUCTION

You can bid on these beautiful pieces in our Silent Auction in front of the Bioneers store. Come make a bid so you can take one of these beautiful painted art memories back to your home or organization's office! The proceeds are equally split between the artist and Bioneers, a wonderful investment in two worthy causes.

**The Silent Auction opens on Friday at 12:00pm and closes on Sunday at 4:30pm.**

## PROGRAM COVER ARTIST

**Christi Belcourt** is a Michif (Métis) visual artist who generously donated the conference artwork, *Prayers and Offerings for Genebek Ziibiing (Serpent River)*. Belcourt is an esteemed artist and activist whose deeply moving work celebrates the beauty of the natural world and traditional Indigenous world-views. Her artwork spans a range of mediums and is collected privately and publicly around the world. Among her most iconic works are the Water Is Life images that she and artist Isaac Murdock collaborated on for the protest banners at Standing Rock.

Belcourt dedicates significant time and energy to the Onaman Collective, an Indigenous land-based art initiative sharing traditional knowledge and language with youth. If you're moved by her artwork and designs, please join Bioneers in supporting her activism by donating to the Onaman Collective ([www.onaman-collective.com](http://www.onaman-collective.com)).



# THINGS TO SEE AND DO



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**NOTE: MOST OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## Bioneers Marketplace

Explore our outdoor “village” of booths of nonprofits and socially conscious companies dedicated to creating a better world. (see page 36)

## Art and Art Happenings

All over the campus curated by Polina Smith (see page 34)

## Tiny House Village

Come explore ingenious, livable structures made from sustainable materials.

## Bioneers Art Market

Come check out displays of inspiring, cutting-edge engaged art and buy pieces from some of the Bay Area’s best artisans. **Location:** Exhibit Hall

## Hands-On Outdoor Workshops

(see daily schedule for times and descriptions)

## Caroline Casey

unleashes her dazzling cosmic/comic activist storytelling skills—**Friday night, 9pm** (see page 12)

## Films and Filmmakers

Powerful social-issue films introduced by visionary filmmakers, **Friday and Saturday nights** (see schedule and page 33)

## Planetary Dance

Daria Halprin leads us in this legendary, powerful ceremonial dance of peace co-created by her mother, world-renowned dance pioneer and revered teacher, Marin’s own Anna Halprin. **Saturday, 6:15pm, Central Lawn**

## Seed Exchange

Trade open-pollinated, heirloom, traditional and organic seeds. **Saturday: 6:30pm** (see page 20)

## World Café Sessions

Participant-driven conversations on how we can collaborate to co-create the world we want (see schedule pages for descriptions, facilitators, speakers and special guests.)

## Networking Sessions

Facilitated by Yeshe Salz  
**In the Exhibit Hall** (see pages 5, 14, 20)

## Saturday Night Dance Party

**9pm to midnight, Exhibit Hall** (see page 21)

## Earth Connection Herbwalk

with Kami McBride, **Friday 2:45** (see schedule)

## Singing Circle with Noe Venable

**Saturday 1:30pm—2:30pm** (see schedule)

## YOGA

at Bioneers (see page 34)

**SHOWINGS START AT 6:40PM, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
Films (with filmmakers' introductions) – Location: Showcase Theater

## FRIDAY

### **6:40 Life In The City of Dirty Water**

*Life in the City of Dirty Water* is an intimate portrait of the remarkable Indigenous climate change campaigner, Clayton Thomas-Muller, who went from being an abused child and an addicted and incarcerated street hustler to becoming a Sundancer, father, husband and renowned activist. Introduced by **Clayton Thomas-Muller**. (19 minutes)

### **7:10 Wild Hope**

This inspiring film featuring stellar thought leaders, including Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein, and many others, drives home how we must rediscover the awe that wild nature can awaken in us if we are to continue to have a habitable planet. Introduced by **Suez Jacobson**, Wild Hope's Executive Producer and **Dave Devine**, Digital Project Content Manager. (35 minutes)

### **7:55 REBBL with a Cause**

This film tells the story of the exemplary socially conscious REBBL beverage company, born out of a campaign to combat human trafficking and now working in 29 countries. It focuses on the company's efforts to partner with Indigenous Amazonian nut harvesters to develop truly ethical, sustainable supply chains. Introduced by **Kathleen Tan** of REBBL. (35 minutes)

### **8:35 Dawnland**

This Emmy Award-winning film, a powerful account of Indigenous child removal in the U.S. just nominated for 2 Emmy Awards, follows the trajectory of Maine's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (the first ever in the U.S.), created to investigate the systematic removal of Native American children from their homes in that state. Introduced by **Chris Newell**. (86 minutes)

## SATURDAY

### **6:40 Inside the Sunrise Movement**

This short documentary captures the dynamism of the young activists of the Sunrise Movement, which catapulted into national attention to demand action on the Green New Deal. (6 minutes)

### **7:00 Journey to Pavitramenthe**

*Journey to Pavitramenthe* explores how the exemplary socially and environmentally conscious Dr. Bronner's company partners with more than 1,500 small-scale farmers who use regenerative organic agriculture practices in Bareilly, India. (8 minutes)

### **7:10 Almost Visible**

We are privileged to be the first to screen excerpts of this work-in-progress by filmmaker Klea McKenna, which tracks the story of a 25-year friendship between American ethnobotanist Kathleen Harrison and an indigenous Mazatec shaman in Mexico. Introduced by **Klea McKenna** and **Kathleen Harrison**. (15 minutes)

### **7:40 Mbudah: In the Chimpanzees' Footsteps**

Anne Laudisoit, a Belgian biologist who has long worked in the Congo (DRC), discovered a hitherto unknown-to-science band of chimpanzees in a remote unstudied forest fragment in a war torn part of the country. She and a team of Congolese researchers returned there with a camera crew to document their findings: this extraordinary film is the result. Introduced by **Anne Laudisoit** and Director **Caroline Thirion**. (60 minutes)

### **8:50 From Shock to Awe**

This powerful film offers us an intimate look at the transformational journey of two combat veterans suffering from severe PTSD as they abandon pharmaceuticals to seek relief through unconventional means: the use of the Amazonian psychedelic, ayahuasca and MDMA. Introduced by **Janine Sagert**, one of the film's producers. (87 minutes)

# ART, DANCE AND YOGA

We are excited to showcase an incredible array of artists inspired by biomimicry, ecology, social justice and community resilience (*full list of participating artists at: [conference.bioneers.org/artists/](http://conference.bioneers.org/artists/)*)

## ART ON THE GROUNDS

**Richard James'** immense "meta-bottles" made from plastic bottles collected on the beaches at Point Reyes in one year along with wire and found objects.

**Allison Newsom's** amazing "RainKeep" rain harvesting sculpture, "Fero."

**Monique Sonoque's** astonishing Pre-Colonial Post-Industrial Village Site made from venetian blinds and rubber tubing.

**Remy's** interactive wagon that invites us to question 'Manifest Destiny'

**Rosanna Kalashyan and Ashley Berry's** experiential portal for contemplation, ritual and planting seeds of alchemy—a double spiral walking path leading to a driftwood nest inside a mandala we are invited to meditate on.

**Oakland's Vessel Gallery** ([www.vesselgallery.com](http://www.vesselgallery.com)) curates a special exhibition of seminal local artists.

**Toon Muylaert's** 'Sanctuary for Nature,' a place to reconnect with the natural world, explore our senses, experience the elements...and remember what we already know deep within.

**Elemental Arts'** (**Kelsi Anderson** and **Andres Amador**) ever-evolving, interactive ephemeral sand sculpture that gets wiped away each evening, allowing us to engage the present moment with all our senses, integrate the stimulation of the day...and let it all go.

**Peter Keresztury** of Pacific Rim Sculptors curates a beautiful sculpture garden.

## In the EXHIBIT HALL ART VILLAGE and ART MARKET

**Joel Stockdill's** and **Yustina Salnikova's** 'Away'—a representation of the mythical place where things go when we put them in the trash.

**The Invisible Forest** featuring pieces by renowned Indigenous Peruvian Amazonian artists presented by London based curator Patsy Craig.

**Alluvia Magazine**—a budding publication and creative collective of environmentalists of color working in a wide array of artistic mediums.

**Jos Sances' 'OR, THE WHALE'**—an incredible 51 ft scratchboard mural examining the consequences of capitalism and the consequences of our actions on future generations. Curated by Lonnie Lee, Vessel Gallery | A Vessel Satellite Project.

**WEAD** (the Women's Environmental Artist Directory) artists, perennial Bioneers stalwarts, showcase artwork with a theme of reciprocity with the natural world as well as an interactive piece that elicits our responses to environmental and social challenges.

**The ClimateMusic Project:** a unique collaboration between renowned scientists and world-class musicians to create musical and visual experiences guided by scientific data on climate change.

**ART MARKET:** come view and buy pieces from some of the Bay Area's best artisans.

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

## DANCE EVENTS

**PLANETARY DANCE:** **Daria Halprin** leads us in this legendary, powerful ceremonial dance of peace co-created by her mother, world-renowned dance pioneer and revered teacher, Marin's own Anna Halprin.

*Location: Saturday, 6:15pm, Central Lawn*

**Saturday Night Dance Party**, with local legendary all-women DJ collective, the **B-side Brujas** followed by **DJ Santero**, spinning an eclectic mix of international danceable music ranging from African to Latin to South Asian and everywhere in between.

*Location: Exhibit Hall, 9:30pm to midnight*

## YOGA AT BIONEERS

with **Laurel van den Cline**

This 50-minute class includes yoga postures, breath work, visualization, elements of flow, and surrender. Leave class feeling energized, present, ready to better absorb and retain your Bioneers journey. *7:30am Saturday morning and daily at 1:30pm on the Island*

# REAL BOOKS BOOKSIGNING SCHEDULE

**FIND OUT ABOUT A NEW BOOK** by a keynote speaker or session presenter that you can't wait to get? Check here for book signings all weekend long, located in the REAL Books store in the Exhibit Hall. Take a look at the REAL Books poster for any additional signings.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

**4:30 PM**

**CUTCHA RISLING BALDY**

*We are Dancing For You*

**JENNIFER BROWDY**

*The Elemental Journey of a Purposeful Memoir*

**EVE ENSLER**

*The Apology*

**TREBBE JOHNSON**

*Radical Joy for Hard Times*

**TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS**

*Erosion: Essays of Undoing*

**6:15 PM**

**KENNY AUSUBEL**

*Dreaming the Future*

**RUBY GIBSON**

*My Body, My Earth*

**J.P. HARPIGNIES**

*Visionary Plant Consciousness*

**STEPHEN MOST**

*Stories That Make the World*

**NINA SIMONS**

*Nature, Culture & The Sacred*

**JOEL SOLOMON**

*Clean Money Revolution*

**JERRY TELLO**

*Recovering Your Sacredness*

**MICHAEL YELLOW BIRD**

*For Indigenous Eyes Only*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

**2:00 PM**

**PAUL HAWKEN**

*Drawdown*

**4:30 PM**

**JEAN SHINODA BOLEN**

*Millionth Circle*

**SARAH DREW**

*Gaia Codex*

**SEVERINE V T FLEMING**

*Greenhorns*

**4:30 PM**

**PAM MONTGOMERY**

*Planet Spirit Healing*

**6:15 PM**

**GARY NABHAN**

*Food from the Radical Center*

**KIM STANLEY ROBINSON**

*Red Moon*

**CHRIS BENNER**

*Equity, Growth, and Community*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

**4:30 PM**

**KALI AKUNO**

*Jackson Rising*

**JOHN A. POWELL**

*Racing to Justice*

**TED HOWARD**

*Making of a Democratic Economy*

**STARHAWK**

*City of Refuge*

**DEBORAH EDEN TULL**

*Relational Mindfulness*

**6:15 PM**

**DONIGA MARKEGARD**

*Dawn Again*

**ANNE BIKLE**

*Hidden Half of Nature*

**DAVID MONTGOMERY**

*Growing a Revolution*

**DALE STRICKLAND**

*Managing Pasture*



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Come connect with non-profit organizations and businesses you can trust, focused on building community and promoting sustainability, justice and a resilient world. You'll find the non-profit exhibitors and business booths located around the grounds. It will run all three days of the conference, October 18-20, and is **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

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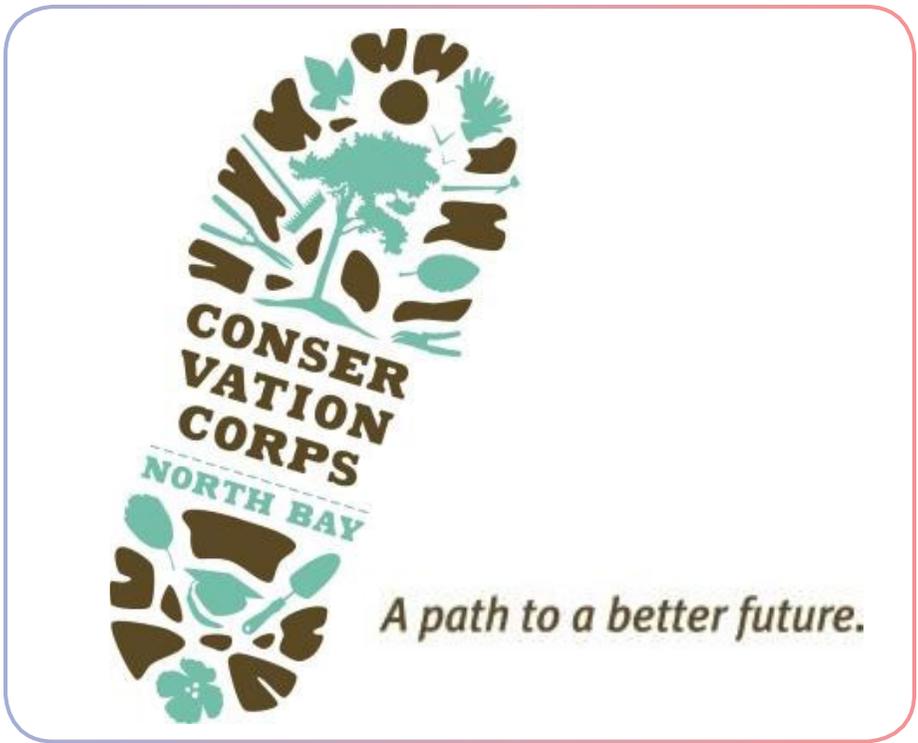
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## CONSERVATION CORPS NORTH BAY (CCNB)

Since 2000, CCNB has provided invaluable recycling and composting services at Bioneers. Nationally recognized as a leader in youth service, CCNB's extensive job training, educational, community service and civic engagement programs help young people gain knowledge, values and skills to become exemplary environmental stewards. Corps members help reduce fire and flood hazards, build and maintain trails, restore wildlife habitat, collect recyclables, grow organic food, offer environmental education to school children, and provide recycling services for small and large-scale special events in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

[conservationcorpsnorthbay.org](http://conservationcorpsnorthbay.org)

## SUSTAINABILITY IN THE KITCHEN

Thanks to the commitment of Executive Chef Brian Whitmer, the Embassy Suites kitchen recycles, composts and uses as much local and organic food as possible for our events. As we enjoy the bounty of such mindful efforts we remain aware of food waste and hunger. Even in affluent Marin County, there are some 50,000 food insecure people, so Bioneers works with ExtraFood.org to distribute all the appropriate unused food to those in critical need. ExtraFood.org aims to radically shift the way food and people are valued in our society. ExtraFood.org has delivered over 315,286 pounds of food to 60 nonprofits, also preventing thousands of pounds of methane from entering the atmosphere.

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Dr. Rupa Marya



Alex Eaton



Kevin Powell

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Social Medicine: Restoring Public Health by Changing Society with Dr. Rupa Marya

Dr. Rupa Marya, Associate Professor of Medicine at UC San Francisco, promotes “social medicine”—she says we need to dismantle harmful social structures that directly lead to poor health outcomes and build new structures that promote health and healing. In other words, we’ll improve our health by changing society.

### Tribe of the New Flame: The Agroecology Revolution with Miguel Altieri and Alex Eaton

Two visionaries show how farmers who embrace “agroecology” are building a movement based on self-sufficiency, food security and freedom from fossil fuels and corporate control.

### Breaking Out of the Man Box: What Does Healthy Manhood Look Like? with Kevin Powell

Activist, writer and public speaker Kevin Powell bravely discusses his experiences with toxic masculinity and his journey to redefine what it means to be a man.

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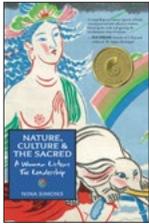
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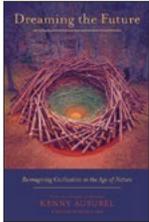
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## **NATURE, CULTURE AND THE SACRED:**

### **A WOMAN LISTENS FOR LEADERSHIP** By Nina Simons

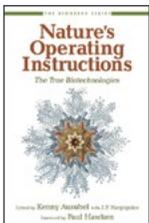
In her award-winning new book, Bioneers co-founder Nina Simons offers inspiration for all who aspire to grow into their own unique form of leadership. Informed by her extensive experience with multicultural women's leadership development, she shares moving stories of women around the world joining together to reconnect people, nature and the land-leading the way to transformational change by creating vibrant movement for social and environmental justice.



## **DREAMING THE FUTURE: REIMAGINING CIVILIZATION**

### **IN THE AGE OF NATURE** By Kenny Ausubel, Foreword by David W. Orr

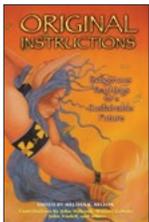
In this award-winning collection of essays, Ausubel helps us reimagine our future and our connection to nature and each other. He illuminates the big ideas, meta-trends and game-changing innovations led by some of the world's greatest thinkers and doers to create a world where people take their cues from nature and address justice, equity, diversity, democracy and peace.



## **NATURE'S OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS: THE TRUE BIOTECHNOLOGIES**

### Edited by Kenny Ausubel with J.P. Harpignies, Foreword by Paul Hawken

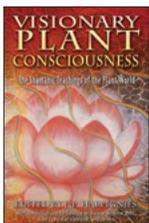
This landmark book shows how we can emulate and adapt nature's operating instructions to the benefit of all life. It illustrates "true biotechnologies" such as biomimicry, indigenous land management and ecologically intelligent design, with a Who's Who of contributors including Paul Hawken, Janine Benyus, David Suzuki, Michael Pollan and Amory Lovins.



## **ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS: INDIGENOUS TEACHINGS**

### **FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE** Edited by Melissa K. Nelson

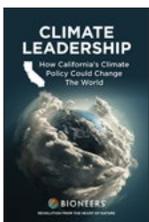
This treasure trove illuminates the indigenous wisdom and knowledge contained in Traditional Ecological Knowledge, the "Original Instructions" for how to live on Earth and with each other, and contemporary perspectives on a spectrum of global and indigenous issues. Contributors include Chief Oren Lyons, John Mohawk, Winona LaDuke and John Trudell.



## **VISIONARY PLANT CONSCIOUSNESS: THE SHAMANIC TEACHINGS**

### **OF THE PLANT WORLD** Edited by J.P. Harpignies

Visionary Plant Consciousness explores how plant consciousness affects the human condition. Twenty-three leading explorers show how psychoactive plants may help us access the profound intelligence in nature—the "mind of nature" that we must learn to understand in order to transform our ecologically destructive way of life. Contributors include Kat Harrison, Terence McKenna, Dr. Andrew Weil, Wade Davis, Michael Pollan, Alex Grey and Jeremy Narby.



## **CLIMATE LEADERSHIP: HOW CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE POLICY COULD**

### **CHANGE THE WORLD** Edited by Teo Grossman (*E-Book, available online only*)

13 of California's top climate leaders illuminate why the state's game-changing climate policies are serving as models for local, regional, and national policy change worldwide. Inspired by and featuring activist, author and former California State Senator Tom Hayden's incomparable issue framing and historical context, topics covered include Water & Climate Change, Natural Systems & Working Lands, Politics and The Inside Game and more.

# PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



**Hilary Abell**, an Echoing Green and BALLE Fellow, is a veteran cooperative developer and employee ownership thought leader who co-founded Project

Equity, which seeks to build economic resiliency in low-income communities by demonstrating and replicating strategies that increase worker ownership. Project Equity has developed unique programs that help support every aspect of a company's transition to employee- or multi-stakeholder ownership. ([project-equity.org](http://project-equity.org))



**Kali Akuno**, co-founder and Co-Director of Jackson, Mississippi's groundbreaking local economic development initiative, Cooperation Jackson, served as

the Director of Special Projects in the administration of the late, renowned progressive Jackson Mayor, Chokwe Lumumba, focusing on the development of eco-friendly and human rights-enhancing policies. Kali previously served as Co-Director of the U.S. Human Rights Network and Executive Director of the Peoples' Hurricane Relief Fund. ([cooperationjackson.org](http://cooperationjackson.org))



**Ozawa Bineshi Albert** (Yuchi and Annishinaabe), an Oklahoma-based Native Rights and Environmental Justice activist, is a

Movement Building Coordinator with the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), currently working on global collaborations to strengthen grassroots feminist movements. A founding board member of IEN and of the Native American Voters Alliance, her previous positions include: Co-Director for the Southwest Organizing Project and Regional Director for the Center for Community Change. ([ienearth.org](http://ienearth.org))



**Niria Alicia**, born in Oregon to a migrant farm-worker family, is a multi-lingual Xicana storyteller, author, educator, poet, and community organizer. With an

academic background in environmental and Latin American studies and non-profit administration, Nira has traveled, studied and worked on social justice projects throughout the Americas and beyond, including with Earthjustice, Our Children's Trust, the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Honor the Earth, and Greenaction.



**Erica E. Anderson**, Ph.D., an eminent clinical psychologist, academic administrator, healthcare executive and professor (currently at UCSF Benioff), as well as a

consultant to major companies, has had an illustrious four-decade long career in public health, clinical psychology, healthcare management and pediatrics. A leading expert in transgender and gender nonconforming health issues, she is the President-Elect of USPATH, the newly created affiliate of WPATH, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. ([drericanderson.net](http://drericanderson.net))



**Tianna Arredondo** (they/ them), of African-American and Mexican ancestry, is co-founder of the Frontline's to Power (F2P) initiative (affiliated with the

Power Shift Network), which works to build a national coalition of environmental justice leaders dedicated to story-based strategy, anti-oppression tactics, and decolonization in daily interactions.



**Kenny Ausubel**, CEO and founder (in 1990) of Bioneers, is an award-winning social entrepreneur, journalist, author and filmmaker. Co-founder and

first CEO of the organic seed company, Seeds of Change, his film (and companion book) *Hoxsey: When Healing Becomes a Crime* helped influence national alternative medicine policy. He has edited several books and written four, including, most recently, *Dreaming the Future: Reimagining Civilization in the Age of Nature*. ([bioneers.org](http://bioneers.org))



**Rachel Bagby**, an award-winning vocal and social healing artist with a Stanford law degree in social change, has mentored women leaders and thousands

of audience members world-wide to unleash their voices as instruments of transformation. She is the bestselling author of *Daughterhood* and *Divine Daughters: Liberating the Power and Passion of Women's Voices*. ([rachelbagby.com](http://rachelbagby.com))



**Sonali Sangeeta Balajee**, former Senior Fellow at The Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley, is the founder of The Bodhi Project,

which promotes practices at the intersection of Belonging, Organizing, Decolonizing, Health, and Interconnectedness. Sonali previously spent 13

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years in government in Portland, OR, and also has 20 years' experience in dance and music performance and 35 years' practicing yoga and mindfulness. ([ourbodhiproject.squarespace.com](http://ourbodhiproject.squarespace.com))



**Cutcha Risling Baldy**, Ph.D. (Hupa, Yurok, Karuk), Assistant Professor and Department Chair of Native American Studies at Humboldt

State and co-founder of the Native Women's Collective, a nonprofit supporting the revitalization of Native American arts and culture, researches Indigenous feminisms, California Indians and decolonization. She is the author of: *We Are Dancing For You: Native feminisms and the revitalization of women's coming-of-age*. ([cutcharislingbaldy.com](http://cutcharislingbaldy.com), [nativewomenscollective.org](http://nativewomenscollective.org))



**Teiahsha Bankhead**, MSW, Ph.D., Executive Director of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY), is a social justice

activist, licensed psychotherapist and a professor who has taught racial, gender and sexual orientation diversity, theories of criminal behavior, and US social policy. Formerly a Research Fellow at both the National Institute of Mental Health and the U.S. Psychiatric Congress, she is the co-author of *Preserving Privilege: California Politics, Propositions and People of Color*. ([rjoyoakland.org](http://rjoyoakland.org))



**Mishka Banuri**, a 2018 Brower Youth Leadership Award winner, is an extraordinary 18-year old Muslim American of Pakistani

ancestry from Utah who helped craft and pass the Utah Climate Resolution, the first of its kind in a traditionally conservative state. She co-founded Utah Youth Environmental Solutions and has been an organizer for the Utah People's Climate March. ([www.broweryouthawards.org/winner/mishka-banuri/](http://www.broweryouthawards.org/winner/mishka-banuri/))



**Monika Bauerlein** is the award-winning CEO of *Mother Jones*, one of the most important and impactful investigative

journalism institutions in the U.S. Born in Germany but widely traveled, she had an extensive journalistic career as a writer and editor until coming to *Mother Jones* in 2000. Under her and now Editor-in-Chief Clara Jeffery's leadership, MOJO has become one of the rare success stories in contemporary independent journalism, winning three National Magazine Awards. ([motherjones.com](http://motherjones.com))



**Christa Bell** is a multidisciplinary artist, curator and writer from Seattle whose work addresses the spiritual and

psychic recovery of Black women in the West. In 2018 and 2019, her co-curatorial project, *thewayblackmachine*, a digital archive documenting state violence against Black people, toured with ICA Boston's exhibition, *Art in the Age of the Internet*, and her solo work, *Her Great Battle Against The Truth*, exhibited at the 2019 Every Woman Biennial. ([thewayblackmachine.com](http://thewayblackmachine.com))



**Chris Benner**, Ph.D., the Dorothy E. Everett Chair in Global Information and Social Entrepreneurship and a Professor of Environmental Studies and

Sociology at UC Santa Cruz, directs the Everett Program for Technology and Social Change and the Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation. He has authored or co-authored six books (most recently *Equity, Growth and Community*) and more than 70 journal articles, chapters and research reports. ([everettprogram.org](http://everettprogram.org))



**Anne Bicklé**, a biologist, science communicator, and public speaker, investigates and writes about connections between

people, plants, food, health, and the environment. Her work has appeared in magazines, newspapers and radio, and her soil-building practices have been featured in independent and documentary films. She is the co-author of *The Hidden Half of Nature: The Microbial Roots of Life and Health*. ([dig2grow.com](http://dig2grow.com))



**Brennan Blazer Bird**, an ecological educator, natural builder, water harvester, and "appropriate techie," has led a

diverse array of artistic and ecological projects around the world. He founded the Peace On Earthbench Movement (POEM), which seeks to inspire youth to transform plastic waste into art, and is currently leading an ecological design, build, and education venture called SolutionCraft. ([earthbench.org](http://earthbench.org), [solutioncraft.org](http://solutioncraft.org))



**Sonja Bochart**, IIDA, a principal with Shepley Bulfinch, has 20+ years' experience as a wellness focused designer. Her work includes education, healthcare and workplace design, including Living Building

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Challenge™, LEED®, WELL™, and SITES™ Platinum certified projects. Sonja also leads immersive and experientially based biophilic design workshops, focused on fostering human-nature connection and promoting designs that support human and ecological vitality and health. (shepleybulfinch.com)



**Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D.**, a Mill Valley-based psychiatrist, Jungian analyst in private practice and author of 14 influential books, is a Distinguished Life

Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Formerly a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF and board member of the Ms. Foundation and the International Transpersonal Association, she inspired The Millionth Circle Initiative and is a leading advocate for a UN 5th World Conference on Women. (5wcw.org, jeanbolen.com)



**Jennifer Browdy, Ph.D.** teaches Environmental Literature and Media Arts at Bard College at Simon's Rock. Her writer's guide, *The Elemental Journey of*

*Purposeful Memoir*, won a 2017 Nautilus Silver Award. She is also the Publisher of Green Fire Press and leads workshops in purposeful memoir internationally and online. (jenniferbrowdy.com)



**Clair Brown**, an eminent economist, Professor of Economics at UC Berkeley, has published research on many aspects of inequality and

sustainability, including the book *Buddhist Economics: An Enlightened Approach to the Dismal Science*, which describes an economic framework that integrates global sustainability, shared prosperity, and care for the human spirit. (buddhisteconomics.net)



**Alexis Buntin, Ph.D.**, (Aleut/Yup'ik), Program Manager for Bioneers' Indigeneity Program, has been a researcher, media-maker, manager,

consultant, and curriculum developer for organizations including the Sealaska Heritage Institute, Alaska Native Heritage Center, and the FrameWorks Institute. She has published widely about Indigenous and environmental issues, and is the author of *So, how long have you been Native?: Life as an Alaska Native Tour Guide*. (bioneers.org)



**Orion Camero**, a queer visual storytelling educator, coalition-builder and community organizer, works at the nexus of social, ecological, and economic

issues to advance intersectional justice. A Filipinx two-spirit with roots in California's Central Valley, Orion is one of the stewards of the California Allegory poster project of the Beehive Design Collective, a global arts activist collective that translates movement stories into pen-and-ink fable murals. (beehivecollective.org)



**Casey Camp-Horinek**, a tribal Councilwoman of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and Hereditary Drumkeeper of its Womens' Scalp Dance Society, Elder and

Matriarch, is also an Emmy award winning actress, author, and an internationally renowned, longtime Native and Human Rights and Environmental Justice activist. She led efforts for the Ponca tribe to adopt a Rights of Nature Statute and pass a moratorium on fracking on its territory, and has traveled and spoken around the world.



**Anneke Campbell**, an author/activist/yoga teacher who has worked as a midwife, nurse, and English professor, most recently co-authored *We The People: Stories*

*from the Community Rights Movement in the U.S.*; co-edited *Moonrise: The Power of Women Leading from the Heart*; edited Nina Simons' newest book, *Nature, Culture and the Sacred: One Woman Listens for Leadership*; and co-produced and scripted the film, *Shot*.



**Camille Canon** is a serial entrepreneur and advisor who has successfully led small teams to create e-commerce and affiliate platforms, launch native apps,

and develop real estate initiatives focused on community building and affordable housing. She's a co-founder of Purpose US, which helps mission-driven companies transition to steward-ownership. (purpose.ag)



**Lisa G. Carreño**, formerly a practicing attorney in Maryland and California, is the President/CEO of United Way of the Wine Country. She also chairs the board

for Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services and serves on the boards for Los Cien Sonoma County,

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Community Foundation Sonoma County, and Rebuild North Bay Foundation. Among her previous positions, she directed the Maryland Commission for Women, YWCA Sonoma County, and 10,000 Degrees. ([unitedwaywinecountry.org](http://unitedwaywinecountry.org))



**Caroline W. Casey** is the host-creator, “weaver of context” for The Visionary Activist Show (23 + years) on Pacifica Radio Network. With a guiding

astro\*mytho\*politico frame, she highlights guests she views as leading contributors to a “Renaissance of Reverent Ingenuity.” Caroline presents her unique art of “Astro\* mythological\*political\* guiding \*meta-story-telling” in myriad multi-media venues. ([coyotetworknews.com](http://coyotetworknews.com))



**Juanita Chan, M.A.Ed.**, an Instructional Strategist for the Rialto, California, Unified School District whose main focus is on math and science instruction, has

a background in Entomology and plant vector pathogen epidemiology, among other disciplines, and has had many jobs in pedagogy, from teaching math and science at several grade levels to developing curriculums, organizing science fairs and leading various school departments. ([rialto-ca.schoolloop.com](http://rialto-ca.schoolloop.com))



**Oscar Chavez**, the Assistant Director of the Sonoma County Human Services Department, oversees the county’s Upstream Investments Initiative, the

Department’s planning, research, and evaluation functions, and community and client engagement. He is a recipient of a Sonoma County Jefferson Award and a North Bay Business Journal Non-Profit Leadership Award, and was named one of North Bay’s “40 under 40” leaders by the North Bay Business Journal in 2008. ([schsd.org](http://schsd.org))



**Ruby Puhuhoinööm Chimerica**, a traditional cultural artist from the village of Paqavi on Third Mesa on the Hopi

Reservation in Arizona, works to maintain and pass on a strong Hopi traditional culture. She is a master basketmaker who learned from her grandmother, as well as a Hopi dry farmer and an educator who shares her deep knowledge of native seeds and agriculture, traditional foodways and culinary arts widely.



**Isha Clarke** is a dynamic, passionate high school student environmental and social justice activist born, raised, and educated in Oakland, CA. Her

experience has taught her first-hand that threats to the environment disproportionately affect people of color, low-income folks, and young people, and this realization has fueled her passion to fight to create a just and equitable world while maintaining a livable climate. ([youthvsapocalypse.org](http://youthvsapocalypse.org))



**Climbing PoeTree** (Alixa Garcia and Naima Penniman) are award-winning multimedia artists, organizers, educators and a spoken word duo who have

independently organized more than 30 tours, taking their work from South Africa to Cuba, the UK to Mexico, and 11,000 miles around the U.S. on a bus running on recycled vegetable oil, presenting alongside powerhouses such as Vandana Shiva, Angela Davis, Alicia Keys, and Alice Walker, in venues ranging from the UN to Harvard to Riker’s Island Prison. ([www.climbingpoetree.com](http://www.climbingpoetree.com))



**David Cobb**, now working with Cooperation Humboldt, an effort to build a solidarity economy on the California North Coast, has had a long track record as a

“people’s lawyer” who sued corporate polluters, lobbied, run for political office, got arrested for non-violent civil disobedience and helped launch the Election Integrity movement. Working with the pioneering Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy (POCLAD) he also long worked to abolish “corporate personhood” rights. ([cooperationhumboldt.com](http://cooperationhumboldt.com))



**Madhavi Colton, Ph.D.**, a marine ecologist who has worked around the world, is Program Director of the Coral Reef Alliance, where she oversees an

international portfolio of community-driven conservation programs to address threats to reefs and spearheads new scientific research into how ecosystems adapt to climate change. Her main current focus is to build partnerships between academic researchers, non-profit organizations, governments, and local communities to implement durable conservation solutions. ([coral.org](http://coral.org))

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**Randy Compton** is the President and co-founder of Restorative Solutions, Inc., where he designs and implements school-based restorative justice initiatives. Working with the School Mediation Center, he coordinated the National Curriculum Integration Project, founded two major conferences, served on the Standards Committee for the Conflict Resolution Education Network, authored numerous articles, wrote and edited curricula and videos and presented at conferences throughout the U.S. ([restorativesolutions.us](http://restorativesolutions.us))



**Shelbey Cook**, a Karuk tribal member, is an up-and-coming traditional basket weaver and teacher of that craft who comes from a family lineage of renowned weavers.



**Robin Bean Crane** is an Oakland-based artist and organizer who uses storytelling as a tool at the intersection of climate, racial and economic justice to spotlight community-driven solutions to current crises. With a focus on participatory, non-extractive media and experimenting with stop motion and digital animation, Robin works with nonprofits and community groups to create content that meets their needs. ([instagram.com/reeverthingproject](https://www.instagram.com/reeverthingproject))



**Vanessa Daniel**, a former union organizer and longtime social justice activist, is an award-winning innovator in the field of philanthropy. She founded and is Executive Director of Groundswell Fund, the largest funder of the U.S. reproductive justice movement and of Groundswell Action Fund, the largest U.S. institution helping fund women of color-led 501c4 organizations. ([groundswellfund.org](http://groundswellfund.org))



**Ana Sophia Demetrakopoulos** works at the intersections of trauma-informed practices, adult learning, inter-personal neurobiology, and social and racial justice to promote embodied dialogue, “meaning making,” and collaborative capacity building. Her work seeks to support people to increase their self-awareness, mutual visibility and strategic visioning at the individual and community levels by helping them access and ground themselves in their authentic voices.



**Eriel Tchekwie Deranger**, a Denesuline Indigenous activist, member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) of Alberta, Canada, is Executive Director and co-founder of Indigenous Climate Action (ICA), Canada’s premier Indigenous-led climate justice organization. Deranger, who previously spent 6 years building-up the highly successful international Indigenous Tar Sands campaign, has become widely known as one of the world’s most effective organizers and coalition builders to defend Indigenous people’s rights locally, nationally and globally. ([indigenousclimateaction.com](http://indigenousclimateaction.com))



**The Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company’s** extraordinary energy, brilliant choreography and inspired lyrics have been rocking the house at Bioneers for many years. A program of Destiny Arts Center, an Oakland-based violence prevention/arts education nonprofit, the company is a multicultural group of teens that creates original performance art combining hip-hop, dance, theater, martial arts, song, and rap. It has performed locally and nationally since 1993 and has been the subject of two documentary films. DAYPC’s artistic directors are: Sarah Crowell & Rashidi Omari. ([destinyarts.org](http://destinyarts.org))



**Dave Devine** a digital media specialist at Regis’ Dayton Memorial Library in Denver, Colorado, was the Digital Project Content Manager for the film, *Wild Hope*, being screened at Bioneers this year. ([wildhopefilm.com](http://wildhopefilm.com))



**Sahana Dharmapuri**, the Director of Our Secure Future, a program of One Earth Future Foundation, was previously an independent advisor on gender, peace and security issues to many major international organizations including USAID, NATO, The Swedish Armed Forces and the International Peace Institute. She is the author of *Women, Peace & Security: 10 Things You Should Know* and has published articles and papers widely. ([oursecurefuture.org](http://oursecurefuture.org))



**Amira Diamond**, Co-Director (with Melinda Kramer) of Women’s Earth Alliance’s since 2007, has worked to expand WEA’s programs, build the WEA team and create a community of support for its

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work. Active within the NGO community for over 25 years, she has worked for community health, environmental and food justice, LGBTQ and women's rights, directing organizations such as Julia Butterfly Hill's Circle of Life and Democracy Matters. ([womensearthalliance.org](http://womensearthalliance.org))



**Brock Dolman**, co-founder of the Sowing Circle LLC Intentional Community and the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center (OAEC), co-directs OAEC's Permaculture/

Resilient Community Design Program, Wildlands Program and WATER Institute. A wildlife biologist, restoration ecologist and renowned innovator in watershed management and Permaculture, Brock integrates wildlife biology, native California botany, watershed ecology with education about regenerative human settlement design, ethno-ecology, and ecological literacy in his work. ([oaec.org](http://oaec.org))



**Denna Dodds**, a Karuk tribal member from northern California, is a highly accomplished traditional weaver in the "twining" style who was trained by Karuk

master weaver Wilverna Reece (who in turn had learned the art from Grace and Madeline Davis).



**Sarah Drew** is the author of the popular eco-feminist fantasy *Gaia Codex*, which describes how blueprints for our future can be informed by some of the deepest

wisdom from our past. With a global social media following of 150,000±, Sarah has become a featured speaker at a wide range of venues. ([gaiacodex.com](http://gaiacodex.com), [sarahdrew.net](http://sarahdrew.net))



**Demond Drummer** is the Chicago-based co-founder and Executive Director of New Consensus, a nonprofit working to develop and promote the

Green New Deal that has advised many progressive leaders and organizations, including Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the Sunrise Movement. Demond's other notable projects include CoderSpace, a computer science learning lab where youths develop leadership skills, and LargeLots.org, a community-driven effort to reclaim and city-owned vacant lots in Chicago. ([newconsensus.com](http://newconsensus.com))



**Kristy Drutman**, a Filipina American, is a U.S. Digital Campaigner with 350.org and the creator and host of Brown Girl Green, a podcast and media series

dedicated to critical conversations around building an environmentally just society in which she discusses diversity and inclusiveness with a wide range of environmental leaders and advocates. While at college, Kristy co-founded the Students of Color Environmental Collective at UC Berkeley. ([350.org](http://350.org))



**Clare Dubois** is the founder of TreeSisters.org, a women's reforestation and culture-change organization dedicated to humanity's emergence as a

"restorer species." For 23 years she has been facilitating body-based, experiential sessions designed to help participants shift consciousness and experience their interconnectedness with nature, the root of balanced leadership and action. ([treesisters.org](http://treesisters.org))



**Kendall Dunnigan**, Director of the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center's Permaculture Program (whose purpose is to resist the destructive extractive, enclosure

economy so communities can retain collective sovereignty, biological and cultural diversity, and regenerative livelihoods), facilitates multi-generational eco-cultural design processes with economically and environmentally marginalized communities in the U.S., Latin America, and Africa. ([oaec.org](http://oaec.org))



**Ashara Ekundayo** is an independent curator, entrepreneur in creative fields, and organizer working internationally across spiritual, civic, and social

innovation spaces. Through her company, AECreative Consulting Partners, she seeks to engage artists and cultural production in movement building and offers an afro-futurist, intersectional framework that centers the lives and traditions of black womxn. She is author of two forthcoming books, *Artist As First Responder*, and *Riot Babies*. ([ashara.io](http://ashara.io))



**Jolie Elan** M.S., the founding Director of Go Wild Institute, is an ecologist, ethnobotanist, educator and spiritual director. Weaving modern science with

ancient earth wisdom, Jolie helps people and

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organizations connect with our sacred, sentient earth. She has worked on countless environmental campaigns including restoring sacred forest groves in India and developing the sustainable herbal medicine sector in Kosovo. She teaches widely and considers Oak trees to be her greatest teachers. ([gowildconsulting.com](http://gowildconsulting.com))



**Erin English**, PE, Practice Leader and Ecological Engineer at Biohabitats Inc., leads Biohabitats' Integrated water strategies planning and engineering efforts.

Combining engineering and her passion for water and ecology, she helps clients throughout the world design and build innovative water infrastructure, including some award-winning projects that have achieved the Living Building Challenge's uniquely rigorous Net Zero Water benchmark. ([biohabitats.com](http://biohabitats.com))



**Eve Ensler**, Tony Award-winning playwright, performer, and one of the world's most important activists on behalf of women's rights, is the author of many

plays, including, most famously, the extraordinarily influential and impactful *The Vagina Monologues*, which has been performed all over the globe. She is the founder of V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, which has raised over \$100 million and generated slews of highly effective anti-violence programs around the world. ([eveensler.org](http://eveensler.org))



**Jodie Evans**, co-founder/ Co-Director of CODEPINK, a peace, environmental, women's rights and social justice activist for 40 years, served in the 1st

Jerry Brown gubernatorial administration and ran his presidential campaign. She has published 2 books, *Stop the Next War Now*, and *Twilight of Empire*, produced documentary films and sits on several boards, including for: Rainforest Action Network, Drug Policy Alliance, Institute of Policy Studies, Women Moving Millions, and, as Board Chair, the Women's Media Center. ([codepink.org](http://codepink.org))



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apprenticed at the UCSC Farm and received her Permaculture Design Certificate in 2017. Her

business, Green Gal, provides marketing services to socially/environmentally conscious businesses, and depending upon the season also offers organic sourdough bread, vegetables, and flowers to the local community. ([greenbeangal.blogspot.com](http://greenbeangal.blogspot.com))



**Severine v T Fleming**,

Executive Director of Greenhorns and a leading organizer and cultural worker within the young farmer movement for 12+ years,

co-founded the National Young Farmers Coalition, FarmHack and Agrarian Trust. A part-time farmer and board member of the Schumacher Center for New Economics, her work has spanned many media to celebrate, bundle and broadcast the voices and life-ways of young agrarians. ([thegreenhorns.net](http://thegreenhorns.net), [youngfarmers.org](http://youngfarmers.org), [farmhack.org](http://farmhack.org))



**Reno Keoni Franklin**,

Chairman Emeritus of the Kasha Band of Pomo was Tribal Chairman from 2013 to 2018. His long life of service has included

serving as the Chairman of the California Rural Indian Health Board; the National Indian Health Board; and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. He also led the effort to buy back the 880-acre Kasha Coastal Reserve for his tribe. ([stewartspoint.org](http://stewartspoint.org))



**Rod Fujita**, a marine ecologist and highly effective ocean conservationist, has studied ocean ecosystems all over the world and worked to protect

them for 30+ years. He has helped protect over 10,000 square miles of ocean habitat, created a novel financing system for sustainability, and developed innovative analytical and conservation tools for improving the wellbeing of the ocean and the humans that depend on it. ([edf.org](http://edf.org))



**Morning Star Gali** (Ajumawi band/Pit River Tribe), Project Director of Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples, has

researched the disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system on Native Americans, worked as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pit River Tribe and continues to be a leading organizer and activist advocating for indigenous sovereignty issues, including missing and murdered indigenous women, climate and gender justice, and sacred site protection. ([indigenousjustice.org](http://indigenousjustice.org))

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Research Center; a Fellow of the Association for Artificial Intelligence; and a former board member of both the International Machine Learning Society and the Computing Research Association. Her research interests include machine learning, reasoning under uncertainty and responsible data science, and she has published 250+ scientific papers. ([getoor.soe.ucsc.edu](http://getoor.soe.ucsc.edu))



**Ruby Gibson**, Th.D., a longtime champion of women's rights, earth-centered principles and prayer, Indigenous sovereignty, and somatic healing, developed

two intergenerational trauma recovery models—Somatic Archaeology® and Generational Brainspotting™. She is the author of *My Body, My Earth*, *The Practice of Somatic Archaeology*, and the founder and Executive Director of Freedom Lodge, a non-profit in Rapid City, SD, whose mission is the healing and wellness of all Indigenous people.



**Corrina Gould**, born and raised in Oakland, CA (territory of Huichuin), is the spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone. An activist who has

worked to preserve and protect the ancient burial sites of her ancestors in the Bay Area for decades, she also co-founded Indian People Organizing for Change and the Sogorea Te Land Trust, an urban Indigenous women's community organization. ([ipocshellmoundwalk.homestead.com](http://ipocshellmoundwalk.homestead.com))



**Teo Grossman**, Senior Director of Programs and Research at Bioneers, previously worked on a range of projects from federal range management to state-level assessments of long-range

planning to applied research on topics including climate change adaptation, ecosystem services, biodiversity, and ecological networks. A Doris Duke Conservation Fellow during graduate school, Teo holds an MS in Environmental Science & Management from UC-Santa Barbara. ([bioneers.org](http://bioneers.org))



**Kavita Gupta**, a highly influential, award winning educator, a public high school teacher for 20+ years and

member of the inaugural class of National Geographic Educator fellows, has been a leading advocate for holistic science education (including regarding Climate Change) in multiple leadership positions nationally. Kavita has also mentored many award winning student projects in prestigious science competitions and published many articles in educational journals. ([chemistryresource.weebly.com](http://chemistryresource.weebly.com))



**Dave Hage**, co-founder of the Weaving Earth Center for Relational Education (WE) helps lead the center's 9-month immersion program and various

other programs for adults and teens, as well as providing group and individual mentoring. He is passionate about helping others find their unique genius and personal relationship to creativity via a deep connection to the earth. ([weavingearth.org](http://weavingearth.org))



**Lauren Dalberth Hage**, co-founder/Director of the Weaving Earth Center for Relational Education, is a designer, facilitator, wilderness

guide and consultant who leads a variety of adult, teen and family programs that weave together deep nature connection, community resilience, permaculture, and social justice. Lauren also works with communities to support the honoring of life transitions, with a special focus on the reclamation of a healthy cultural relationship to menstruation. ([weavingearth.org](http://weavingearth.org))



**Kathleen Harrison**, renowned ethnobotanist and educator, has done extensive fieldwork among Indigenous cultures since the 1970s, specializing in studying

plants and fungi used in ritual, healing and art, including traditional psychoactive species and their lore. Co-founder of the non-profit, Botanical Dimensions, and Director of its Ethnobotany Library in Occidental, California, Kat's fieldwork includes a long relationship with Mazatec healers in Mexico that her daughter, artist/filmmaker Klea McKenna, is making a film about. ([botanicaldimensions.org](http://botanicaldimensions.org))



**Shawn Harrison** is the founder and Co-Director of Soil Born Farms, a non-profit urban farming and education center located in Sacramento, CA, which provides

hands-on training at its 55 acre urban farm and at school gardens in the community to educate youth

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and adults about the connections between food, health and the health of the environment. (soilborn.org)



**Paul Hawken**, one of the most important activists, thinkers and entrepreneurs of our era, has dedicated his life to sustainability and changing the relationship between business and the environment. His many bestselling, massively influential books include: *The Next Economy*; *The Ecology of Commerce*; *Blessed Unrest*; and most recently, *Drawdown, The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*. Paul is the founder of Project Drawdown, a non-profit dedicated to researching and highlighting real solutions to global warming. (paulhawken.com)



**Trathen Heckman**, founder/Director of the NGO, Daily Acts (dedicated to “transformative action that creates connected, equitable, climate resilient communities”), serves on the board of the California Water Efficiency Partnership, the advisory board of Norcal Community Resilience Network and co-founded Climate Action Petaluma. Trathen lives in the Petaluma River Watershed where he grows food, medicine and wonder while composting apathy and lack. (dailyacts.org)



**Danielle Hill**, a citizen of the federally recognized Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and a student midwife passionate about reinvigorating Indigenous birthing practices, is a co-founder of Wisconsin’s Singing Trees Farm Collective, a women-owned collaborative land restoration project focused on reintroducing pre-colonial crops in the Midwest and land guardianship based on feminist and Indigenous principles. (singingtreesfarmcollective.org)



**Ted Howard**, co-founder (in 2000) and President of The Democracy Collaborative, an action-oriented progressive think tank, has been named one of “25 visionaries who are changing your world” and identified by the Guardian newspaper as “the de facto spokesperson for community wealth building” internationally. He is co-author of the new (2019) book, *The Making of a Democracy Economy*. (democracycollaborative.org)



**Polly Howells**, a former board chair of Bioneers, is a facilitator for the Pachamama Alliance’s “Awakening the Dreamer Symposium” and is a core member of Woodstock NY Transition. She trained for ten years with Jungian Analyst Marion Woodman and she co-leads a five-day yearly retreat for women called “Reclaiming Our Lives, Reclaiming Our Earth.” She is currently on the board of Radical Joy for Hard Times. (reclaimingourlives.com)



**Lisa Hoyos**, co-founder/Director of Climate Parents at the Sierra Club, has been a campaigner in the labor and environmental movements for 20+ years, working with such organizations as the BlueGreen Alliance; AFL-CIO; Greenpeace; and as a staffer to the California Senate Natural Resources Committee. She also serves on several boards, including for the California League of Conservation Voters, the Labor Network for Sustainability, and the Alliance for Climate Education. (sierraclub.org)



**Jada Imani**, an Oakland, CA-based workshop facilitator, MC, and founder of the Tatu Vision movement, is dedicated to helping co-create regenerative communities through her performing, event production and hosting, healing practice, and coalition-building with communities of poets, Hip-Hop aficionados, entrepreneurs and Permaculture practitioners. (facebook.com/TatuVision/)



**Suez Jacobson**, Ph.D., a writer, activist and board member of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, is the Executive Producer and writer of the film *Wild Hope* (being shown at Bioneers this year). Suez, a ski bum in her youth, became a top echelon Wall Street financial analyst, and until last year when she became Emerita, a distinguished professor of economics who developed innovative economics curricula rooted in ecological awareness. (wildhopefilm.com)



**Trebbe Johnson**, the founder/Director of Radical Joy for Hard Times, a global network devoted to finding and making beauty in wounded places, is the author of *Radical Joy for Hard Times*, *101 Ways to Make Guerrilla Beauty*, and *The World Is a Waiting Lover*, and she leads workshops and wilderness

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trips worldwide devoted to the discovery of wisdom and insight in nature. ([radicaljoy.org](http://radicaljoy.org))



**Jeremy Kagan**, an award-winning, internationally recognized director, writer, and producer of feature films and television, is a tenured professor at USC's

School of Cinematic Arts and runs its Change Making Media Lab. Jeremy has directed 12 features including his most recent, *Shot*. His past films include: *Heroes*, *The Big Fix*, *The Chosen* and *The Journey of Natty Gann*. Jeremy's many awards include the Humanitas Award and an Emmy. ([cmml-usc.org](http://cmml-usc.org))



**Steve Katz**, Ph.D., Publisher of *Mother Jones*, has been with the magazine since 2003, wearing a wide range of hats in the organization over that time. He

currently devotes most of his time to development, membership and special fundraising campaigns. His previous jobs have included Vice President for Development at Earthjustice, activism in the South Bronx in the 1970s, and work in the nonprofit theater scene in the Bay Area ([motherjones.com](http://motherjones.com))



**Valarie Kaur**, born into a family of Sikh farmers in California since 1913, is a civil rights attorney/activist who has worked extensively on hate crimes, racial

profiling, immigration, solitary confinement, mass shootings, marriage equality, and Internet freedom. An award-winning filmmaker (*Divided We Fall*) and faith leader, she founded the Yale Visual Law Project, the Groundswell Movement and the Revolutionary Love Project. Her book, *Revolutionary Love*, will be out in 2020. ([valariekaur.com](http://valariekaur.com))



**Brett KenCairn**, Boulder, Colorado's Senior Policy Advisor for Climate, Sustainability and Resilience, coordinates that city's climate action and resilience

initiatives, including a soil sequestration R+D project. Co-founder of several organizations, including the Rogue River Institute for Ecology and Economy, Veterans Green Jobs, and Community Energy Systems, he has worked across the western U.S. in community-based initiatives in rural, Native American and other marginalized communities. ([bouldercolorado.gov](http://bouldercolorado.gov))



**Jonas Ketterle**, after a life-changing encounter with chocolate making in Oaxaca, founded the bean-to-drink dark chocolate company Firefly

Ceremonial Cacao in 2014 to inspire awe and wonder through cacao. Previously an "Imagineer" at Greenlight Planet and engineering lead at Fenix International who provided affordable solar energy to rural customers, Jonas has extensive backgrounds in Mechanical Engineering (Stanford), Permaculture (Regenerative Design Institute) and eco-villages and co-housing. ([ceremonial-cacao.com](http://ceremonial-cacao.com))



**Mary Ann King**, a leading expert on water and natural resources law and policy who has published extensively on the topic, is the Emeryville, CA-based Director

of Trout Unlimited's California Water Project, where she develops and implements cooperative streamflow projects with landowners and water users along the California coast, with a special focus on the Russian River watershed. ([tu.org](http://tu.org))



**Zarina Kopyrina**, born in an Indigenous family in Siberia's Sakha Republic (aka Yakutia), the coldest place on earth, was introduced to her people's

traditional music and local shamanic practices at a young age. After her university studies Zarina created a unique combination of authentic Yakut traditional shamanic healing techniques and modern musical forms and founded the Olox ("Life") project, which has taken her on global tours and made her an internationally renowned, widely sought-after performer. ([olox.life](http://olox.life))



**Melinda Kramer**, founder/ Executive Director of the Women's Earth Alliance, which has equipped thousands of women with technical, entrepre-

neurial, and leadership skills to work on safe water, energy access, regenerative farming, land rights, and climate protection initiatives around the world, is a passionate advocate for social, environmental and gender justice who has lived and worked around the world. ([womensearthalliance.org](http://womensearthalliance.org))

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**Beatriz Caiuby Labate**, Ph.D. (in social anthropology from the State University of Campinas Brazil), is Executive Director of the Chacruna Institute for

Psychedelic Plant Medicines. She is also Adjunct Faculty at the East-West Psychology Program at the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) and Public Education and Culture Specialist at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). She has published twenty books. ([chacruna.net](http://chacruna.net))



**Lila LaHood** is Publisher of the San Francisco Public Press, a nonprofit news organization producing local public-interest journalism online, in a quarterly

newspaper and on KSFP 102.5 FM in San Francisco. A graduate of Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism and of Stanford, she is a member of San Francisco's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and the board of the Society of Professional Journalists' Northern California chapter. ([sfpublicpress.org](http://sfpublicpress.org))



**Osprey Orielle Lake**, founder/ Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International, works with

grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a clean energy future. Osprey serves on the Executive Committee of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, co-directs the DIVEST, INVEST, PROTECT campaign, and authored the award-winning, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*. ([wecaninternational.org](http://wecaninternational.org))



**Deb Lane** has been playing the drums for most of her life. Formerly a member of the Santa Cruz World Beat Band, Pele Juju, she performs with artists

throughout the Bay Area and beyond. In addition to her musical endeavors, Deb is a leader in water-use efficiency and works as a Water Resources Analyst.



**Sage LaPena**, a Certified Clinical Herbalist and teacher specializing in both traditional Native American and Western herbal traditions, has worked with local medicine people from her tribe, California's

Northern Wintu, and neighboring tribes (Maidu, Miwok, Pomo and Karuk) since childhood. Lead herbalist at Mountain Thistle Botanicals and Consultation, Sage is also a consultant to several central California tribes and Native museums concerning TEK, ethno-botany, regalia making and holistic healthcare.



**Anne Laudisoit** is a Belgian explorer, wildlife field biologist and disease ecologist specializing in tracking emerging and neglected vector-borne zoonotic

diseases in a wide range of ecological and social contexts from Tanzania, Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to Kazakhstan. Since 2015, in partnership with local researchers and villagers, she has been exploring and helping develop conservation plans for previously unstudied, remote, often war-torn regions of DRC's Ituri province. ([ecohealthalliance.org](http://ecohealthalliance.org))



**Vanessa LeBourdais** is the creator of the Planet Protector Academy, an award-winning interactive digital program that trains young kids to be change-

agents on environmental issues. Her unique combination of digital arts, comedy, and "gamification" creates transformative experiences that have activated a million kids in North America and India. Vanessa recently co-led a successful equity initiative in the Nonprofit Happy Hour Facebook group and is an Ashoka Changemaker Fellow. ([dreamriderproductions.com](http://dreamriderproductions.com))



**Kyle Lemle**, an organizer, facilitator and musician, works to catalyze the impact of organizations working at the intersections of environmental justice, forest

restoration, and spiritual ecology around the world. A former leader of CA RISE for Climate and SustainUS UN Climate Talks delegate, he is currently Director of Distributed Organizing with GreenFaith. Kyle is also the founder and Co-director of Lead to Life, and the renowned Thrive Choir vocal group. ([leadtolife.org](http://leadtolife.org))



**Laurel Levin**, a just graduated, award-winning student activist at UC Santa Cruz (UCSC) working at the intersection of the food and climate movements, worked with

the Fossil Free UCSC campaign and other initiatives, and still leads backpacking trips with

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the UCSC Recreation Department and UCSC Wilderness Orientation Program.



**Alice Lincoln-Cook**, a Klamath, CA-based Karuk tribal member, is a highly sought-after teacher of traditional basket weaving who serves on the board of the

California Basket Weavers Association. Alice teaches widely in schools and other institutions and at events throughout the Pacific Northwest region.



**Cecile Lipworth**, founder of Ripple Catalyst Studio and host of the weekly feminist radio show, Brave Space, consults with women-led organizations regionally

and internationally, harnessing her expertise in movement building, event producing, fundraising, marketing and communications to support their work. Prior to founding Ripple, Cecile was for 15 years the Managing Director of V-Day, the renowned organization founded by Eve Ensler to combat gender-based violence. ([ripplecatalyststudio.com](http://ripplecatalyststudio.com))



**Jewel Love** is a licensed psychotherapist, CEO of Black Executive Men, and Creative Director for Urban Healers. All three of his ventures seek to help

men heal, establish healthier relationships, and launch their unique purposes in life. ([blackexecutivemen.com](http://blackexecutivemen.com))



**Heidi Lucero** (Acjachemen/Mutsun Ohlone) is an Indigenous anthropologist; an accomplished native artist and basketweaver; a teacher of traditional cultural

knowledge, including the use of native foods to improve the health of native populations; and an activist fighting for the protection of sacred sites and the return of ancestors and sacred objects under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).



**Kate Lundquist**, co-director of the Occidental Arts & Ecology Center's WATER Institute and the Bring Back the Beaver Campaign in Sonoma County, is a

conservationist, educator and ecological artist who works with landowners, communities and resource agencies to uncover obstacles, identify strategic solutions, and generate restoration recommendations to assure healthy watersheds, water security,

listed species recovery and climate change resiliency. ([oaec.org/water](http://oaec.org/water))



**Brandi Mack**, an Oakland, CA-based holistic health educator, massage therapist, and Permaculture designer, has worked in holistic health and

ecological sustainability with youth and adults for 16+ years. She is currently National Director of The Butterfly Movement and serves on the boards of: Northern America Permaculture Magazine, Northern California Resilience Network, and Northern California Women in Permaculture. ([brandimack.com](http://brandimack.com), [thebutterflymovement.com](http://thebutterflymovement.com))



**Nancy L. Mancias**, a highly effective Campaign Organizer for the renowned peace and social justice non-violent, direct action group, CODEPINK, has also been

part of the movement against torture, a proponent of closing the Guantanamo prison, and, as a key figure in the Justice For All campaign, an advocate for bringing all war criminals to justice. ([codepink.org](http://codepink.org))



**Arty Mangan**, Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Director, joined Bioneers in 1998 as Project Manager for the Restorative Development

Initiative. A former board president of the Ecological Farming Association and member of the Santa Cruz GE Subcommittee that banned GE crops, Arty has worked with farmers and agriculture since 1978, first as a partner in Live Juice and later with Odwalla, where he was in charge of fruit sourcing. ([bioneers.org](http://bioneers.org))



**L. Frank Manriquez** (Tongva/Ajachmem), an award-winning Native California Indian artist working in many media and a tribal scholar, community activist, and

language advocate, has exhibited her artwork in museums and galleries nationally and internationally. She has served or serves on a number of boards, including that of the California Indian Basketweavers Association (for 15 years) and the Cultural Conservancy, and is a founding board member of the Advocates for Indigenous California Languages.



**Felicia Marcus**, JD, until recently Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board, has, in her long, illustrious

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career, served in many leading positions in government, the non-profit world, and the private sector, including, to mention only a few, as Regional Administrator of the U.S. EPA Region IX, head of the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Western Director for the NRDC, and Executive VP/COO of the Trust for Public Land.



**Doniga Markegard**, author of *Dawn Again: Tracking the Wisdom of the Wild*, has extensive backgrounds in wildlife tracking, wilderness survival and Permaculture. She is a leading “regenerative rancher” who, with her husband and children, owns and manages Markegard Family Grass-Fed LLC, which leases over 10,000 acres of Bay Area lands, using practices that build soil, sequester carbon, capture and purify water, enhance wildlife habitat, and revitalize communities. ([markegardfamily.com](http://markegardfamily.com))



**Theresa Marquez**, a passionate advocate for organic food and farming since 1978, was inducted into the Natural Products Hall of Fame in 2018 for her pioneering work in the organic and natural foods industry. Marquez served as CROPP/Organic Valley Cooperative’s Chief Marketing Executive for 18 years and another 6 as its Mission Executive. Although recently retired, she remains an activist working to change the food system and support the cooperative movement.



**Leah Mata Fragua** (yak titt’u Northern Chumash), an Adjunct Professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts and an artist, works to give greater voice and visibility to her tribal community, including by reclaiming its homelands and language. Her current project includes a partnership with Cal Poly Housing, where she serves as project lead for her tribe. ([leahmata.com](http://leahmata.com))



**Kami McBride’s** 30 years of teaching herbal medicine is steeped in her calling to activate a deep connection with the earth in our culture and to inspire the next generation to love and care for plants. Kami has taught herbal medicine at UCSF School of Nursing and has helped thousands of families learn to use herbs for self-care. She is the author of *The Herbal Kitchen*. ([kamimcbride.com](http://kamimcbride.com))



**Woman Stands Shining (Pat McCabe)**, a northern New Mexico-based mother of 5, born into the Diné (Navajo) Nation and later adopted by the Lakota

Spiritual way of life, is a highly sought after articulator of visions, dreams and symbols and spiritual counselor who speaks and teaches extensively, nationally and internationally. ([patmccabe.net](http://patmccabe.net))



**Mike McCullough**, currently the Government Affairs Administrator for Monterey One Water, has worked on various components of the Pure Monterey Groundwater

Replenishment Project (which provides a clean, safe and sustainable source of water for domestic and agricultural use by using advanced water recycling technology, replenishment of the groundwater supply and protection of the environment) for the past 6 years. ([my1water.org](http://my1water.org))



**Klea McKenna** is a visual artist based in San Francisco whose photographs have been shown and collected by SFMOMA, LACMA, Datz Musum of Art in

South Korea, The Hecksher Museum in NY, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. From 2011-2015 she was photographer and videographer for *IN THE MAKE*. She is the daughter of renegade ethnobotanists Kathleen Harrison and Terence McKenna. ([kleamckenna.com](http://kleamckenna.com))



**Bill McKibben**, our nation’s most influential environmental activist, is a journalist, author and Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College. His *The End*

*of Nature* (1989) was the first general audience book about climate change. A founder of 350.org, the first global grassroots climate change movement, he has won slews of prestigious awards and writes frequently for a wide variety of publications. His most recent book is *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?* (350.org)



**Tim Merry** works with major businesses, government agencies, local communities, and regional collaboratives to help engender breakthrough systems change

through coaching, training, keynote speaking, engagement, and facilitation designed to energize and shake up the status quo. Tim is also a traveling spoken word artist inspired by poets from the

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ancient Anglo Saxon oral tradition all the way through history to modern poets such as Kate Tempest. (timmerry.com)



**Arielle Moinester**, Program Director of Women's Earth Alliance, is an international agricultural development professional and entrepreneur

who has worked extensively in Africa and Asia with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and is currently CRS' Regional Technical Advisor for Europe, the Middle East, and Central Asia. Arielle also co-founded Hands of Mothers, an NGO building women's micro-enterprises globally and is co-owner of the raw juice company Earthjuice. (womensearthalliance.org)



**Matthew Monahan** is co-founder of the Edmund Hillary Fellowship (EHF), a global community of change-makers headquartered in Aotearoa New Zealand, home of the New Frontiers Summit. He is also a co-founder of the Namaste Foundation, a philanthropic fund focused on supporting environmental and education nonprofit projects. (ehf.org)



**David R. Montgomery**, a Seattle-based MacArthur Fellow and professor of Geomorphology at the University of Washington and the author of award-winning

popular-science books that have been translated into nine languages, is an internationally recognized geologist who studies landscape evolution and the effects of geological processes on ecological systems and human societies. (dig2graw.com)



**Pam Montgomery**, one of the nation's most renowned herbalists for three decades+, teaches internationally on plant communication and nature consciousness.

Organizer of the Green Nations Gathering since 1989 and a former board member of United Plant Savers, she recently founded the non-profit Organization of Nature Evolutionaries (O.N.E.) and is the author of *Partner Earth; A Spiritual Ecology* and the best-selling *Plant Spirit Healing; A Guide to Working with Plant Consciousness*. (wakeupnature.com)



**Ladybird Morgan**, Executive Director of the Humane Prison Hospice Project (whose goal is to make prisoner-provided hospice services available in California's

33 prisons), has been working in end-of-life care and on the frontlines of sexual violence as a registered nurse, clinical social worker, and educator for 20+ years. She has worked with many organizations including The Zen Hospice Project, Hospice By The Bay, and Doctors Without Borders (MSF). (humanepisonhospiceproject.org)



**Stephen Most**, a writer, filmmaker, and playwright, is the author of *Stories Make the World*, *Reflections on Storytelling and the Art of the Documentary* and *River*

*of Renewal, Myth and History in the Klamath Basin*. The writer/producer of *River of Renewal*, *Nature's Orchestra*, and *Wilder than Wild*, he has writing credits on four Academy Award-nominated documentaries and five Emmy winners. (wildert-hanwildfilm.org)



**Taij Kumari Moteelall** is a writer, performer, facilitator and coach as well as a highly successful fundraiser for social movements. She founded

Standing in Our Power, a national network of women of color leaders committed to holistic transformation, sustainability and wellness for all across the gender spectrum, and co-founded Media Sutra, which seeks to be a vehicle for self-determination and collective liberation for creative entrepreneurs of color. (standinginourpower.com)



**Stuart Muir Wilson**, an environmental architect, lecturer, writer, development consultant, Permaculture teacher and mushroom grower with a special

focus on ecological justice issues, has worked at both international and grassroots levels in Mexico, Germany, Nepal the U.S. and Australia on a range of projects that seek to catalyze positive environmental and social systems change. (designforhumanity.org.au)



**Russell Munsell**, co-founder of the Dynamic Vitality Method, has had a 40+ year career training human capacities in a wide range of disciplines, including teaching

Mathematics at Humboldt State and creating a number of Stress Management, Accelerated Learning and Performance Optimization programs. He continues to coach medically referred clients in his Dynamic T'ai Chi and Qigong, Swimming, and Walking trainings. (dynamicvitality.com)

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**Suki Munsell**, Ph.D., co-founder of the Dynamic Vitality Method (a blend of sports science, somatic awareness and Asian internal arts), began her career in 1974

under the guidance of her mentor Anna Halprin (still going strong at 99!). Suki has been teaching dance, fitness, biomechanics, and her unique Dynamic Walking program (detailed in *Prevention's Complete Book of Walking*), to people of all ages for decades. ([dynamicvitality.com](http://dynamicvitality.com))



**Christiana Musk**, whose background spans environmental and social entrepreneurship (including as a founding partner of Green Mountain Energy) and

non-profit and foundation leadership, currently curates the Flourish content for the Near Future Summit and advises several food initiatives. An operating partner at Satori Capital, a sustainable investment firm, she was formerly Executive Director of Food Choice Taskforce and led the food system program for Avatar Alliance Foundation. ([flourish.ink](http://flourish.ink))



**Gary Nabhan**, Ph.D., is a world-renowned, award-winning agricultural ecologist, ethnobotanist, Ecumenical Franciscan brother and orchard-keeper. A leading

pioneer in the local food and heirloom seed-saving movements, he co-founded Native Seeds/SEARCH; helped create Ironwood Forest National Monument; was founding Director of the Center for Sustainable Environments; and founded the Center for Regional Food Studies. Author of 30+ books, his most recent is: *Food from the Radical Center: Healing Our Lands & Communities*. ([garynabhan.com](http://garynabhan.com))



**Julian Brave NoiseCat**, Director of Green Strategy at the think tank, Data for Progress, and “Narrative Change Director” for the Natural History Museum artist

and activist collective, is also a correspondent for *Real America* with Jorge Ramos and a Contributing Editor at *Canadian Geographic*. His work has appeared in *The Guardian*, *The Nation* and many other publications. A member of the Canim Lake Band Tsq'escen, he grew up in Oakland, California. ([julianbravenoiseocat.org](http://julianbravenoiseocat.org))



**Carolyn Norrr**, an environmental justice activist since 4th grade, previously a teacher and youth group leader in Oakland, is an activist with Youth vs. Apoca-

lypse, a Bay Area-based, diverse group of young climate justice activists working to lift the voices of youth, especially youth of color, and fight for a livable climate and an equitable, sustainable and just world. ([youthvsapocalypse.org](http://youthvsapocalypse.org))



**David W. Orr**, a Professor of Environmental Studies & Politics (Emeritus) at Oberlin College, is a pioneering, award-winning thought leader in the fields of

Sustainability and Ecological Literacy. The author and co-author of countless articles and papers and several seminal books, including, most recently, *Dangerous Years: Climate Change and the Long Emergency*, he has served as a board member or adviser to many foundations and organizations (including Bioeers!). His current work is on the state of our democracy ([stateofamericandemocracy.org](http://stateofamericandemocracy.org)).



**Scott Parkin**, a trainer, coordinator and organizer, has worked with anti-corporate, global justice, anti-war, labor, environmental and climate

movements in North America, Europe and Australia. Currently Rainforest Action Network's (RAN) Organizing Director, Scott previously spent 12 years as Senior Campaigner on RAN's Climate Team, helping lead often dangerous frontline campaigns against, among others, Wall Street banks, mountaintop removal coal mining, and the Keystone XL pipeline. ([ran.org](http://ran.org))



**Nicanor Perlas**, a past winner of the internationally prestigious Right Livelihood Award, is a Filipino activist, editor, and publisher of the internet-based

news and analysis service TruthForce!, as well as the founder of the Centre for Alternative Development Initiatives (CADi). One of the Philippines' leading environmental and social justice activists, Perlas has long been a leading figure in the international movement resisting corporate globalization.

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**Sarita Pockell**, Head of Curriculum & Director of Indonesia Programs at the Women's Earth Alliance, is an education-for-sustainability specialist (as well as a musician, playwright, theater director, backyard farmer, mother, diversity/inclusion facilitator with the ADL, garden educator with West County Digs, and on the advisory board of the Urban REAL School). Previously at the Green School in Bali, Sarita has also worked in Mexico, Peru, Argentina, and Croatia. ([womensearthalliance.org](http://womensearthalliance.org))



**John A. Powell** is Director of the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society and Professor of Law, African American, and Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley. His many previous roles have included Executive Director at the Kirwan Institute at Ohio State; National Legal Director of the ACLU; and teaching at numerous law schools including Harvard and Columbia. His latest book is *Racing to Justice: Transforming our Concepts of Self and Other to Build an Inclusive Society*. ([haasinstitute.berkeley.edu](http://haasinstitute.berkeley.edu))



**Mark Prain** spent 15 years as a professional actor, playwright and opera singer, but has spent the last 25 years working globally in leadership roles in organizations working on sustainability and climate issues. Director of the Hillary Institute of International Leadership since 2006, he is also Executive Director of the Untouched World Foundation and an advisor to the Katerva Challenge (Canada) and Climate Changers (U.S.). ([hillaryinstitute.com](http://hillaryinstitute.com))



**Louie Psihoyos**, award-winning filmmaker and Executive Director of the Oceanic Preservation Society (OPS), is one of the world's top photographers whose work has often appeared in National Geographic and on hundreds of magazine covers. An ardent diver, Psihoyos' most passionate mission is to reveal the dramatic decline of the oceans and to work to save the planet. His films include the Academy Award-winning documentary, *The Cove*, *Racing Extinction*, and *The Game Changers*. ([opsociety.org](http://opsociety.org))



**Vanessa Raditz**, MPH, a queer farmer, environmental educator, and culture-shifter with an academic background in Environmental Health Sciences, is

dedicated to transformative youth programming that supports community healing, opens access to land and resources, and fosters a thriving local culture and economy based on human and ecological resilience. Vanessa co-founded the Queer Ecojustice Project collective, which educates and organizes at the intersection of ecological justice and queer liberation. ([queerecojusticeproject.wixsite.com/collective](http://queerecojusticeproject.wixsite.com/collective))



**Wilverna Reece** is an award-winning master basketweaver and Karuk Tribal Council member who travels extensively sharing her art at numerous tribal events, educational institutions and museums nationally (including the Smithsonian), as well as a leading advocate for traditional ecological knowledge and the co-management of tribal lands. Wilverna also serves on several boards and was a founding member of the California Indian Basketweavers Association. ([ciba.org](http://ciba.org))



**Sara Reed**, MS, MFT, is a Marriage and Family Therapist at the Behavioral Wellness Clinic in Tolland, Connecticut and a Study Therapist for the Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy for Major Depression initiative at Yale University. A member of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) Advisory Board, Sara also served as a Sub-Investigator and Study Coordinator for MAPS' Phase 2 MDMA Clinical Study of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



**Josué Rivas** (Mexica/Otomi), founder of the Standing Strong Project and co-founder of Natives Photograph, is an award-winning visual storyteller and educator working at the intersection of art, journalism, and social justice whose work challenges mainstream narratives about Indigenous peoples and builds awareness about issues affecting Native communities. His work has appeared in many publications including National Geographic, The Guardian, and World Policy Journal. ([instagram.com/standing\\_strong\\_project](http://instagram.com/standing_strong_project), [nativesphotograph.com](http://nativesphotograph.com))



**Ofelia Rivas**, an O'odham traditional seeds gardener from southern Arizona, in 2003 founded O'odham VOICE Against the WALL, a grassroots organization that seeks to defend O'odham

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cultural and human rights, which include, because her people's ancestral lands and population straddle the U.S./Mexico border, their right to unfettered access to historical crossing routes along that border. ([solidarity-project.org](http://solidarity-project.org))



**Mauricio Rivera** integrates a background in civil engineering with a passion for regenerative systems. He designs small and large scale water systems in

Sonoma County, California, pushing the effectiveness of low impact development, rainwater harvesting, decentralized onsite water reuse, and habitat restoration. ([permacultureartisans.com](http://permacultureartisans.com))



**Kim Stanley Robinson**, one of the world's leading science fiction writers, is the award-winning author of 20+ books, including the bestselling *Mars* trilogy, and

more recently *Red Moon*, *New York 2140*, *Aurora*, *Shaman*, *Green Earth*, and *2312*. Named a "Hero of the Environment" by Time magazine, he works with the Sierra Nevada Research Institute, the Clarion Writers' Workshop, and UC San Diego's Arthur C. Clarke Center for Human Imagination. In 2016 asteroid 72432 was named "Kimrobinson." ([kimstanleyrobinson.info](http://kimstanleyrobinson.info))



**Stanley Ralph Rodriguez**, Ph.D., a Tribal Councilman for the Santa Ysabel Tribal Government, Director of Kumeyaay Community College, board member for

Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival, faculty member at Cuyamaca Community College, and a navy Desert Storm veteran, is an award-winning educator and fluent Kumeyaay speaker dedicated to preserving the language and indigenous songs of his people as well as a renowned Kumeyaay singer and musician. ([iipaynation-nsn.com](http://iipaynation-nsn.com))



**Cara Romero** (Chemehuevi), Program Director of the Bioneers Indigenous Knowledge Program, previously served her Mojave-based tribe in several capacities,

including as: Interim Director at the Chemehuevi Cultural Center, a member of the tribal council, and Chair of the Chemehuevi Education Board and Chemehuevi Headstart Policy Council. Cara is also a highly accomplished photographer/artist. ([bioneers.org/pages/indigeneity-program](http://bioneers.org/pages/indigeneity-program))



**Michelle Romero** is the National Director of Green For All, a groundbreaking nonprofit founded by Van Jones in 2007 to build an inclusive green economy

strong enough to lift people out of poverty while combating environmental injustice and climate change. Green for All was the first organization to offer concrete plans for a Green New Deal and remains at the forefront of efforts to design and implement such a program. ([greenforall.org](http://greenforall.org))



**Brus Rubio**, of Huitoto and Bora ancestry, is a self-taught painter from the Peruvian Amazon, whose encounter with the anthropologist Jürg Gasché, who was

conducting cultural studies in Brus' community, led to exposure to a wider world and his evolution as an artist whose stunning work always draws from his cultural traditions but has now been able to reach a broader international audience beyond the Amazon. ([brusrubio.com](http://brusrubio.com))



**Sarah Ryan**, the Environmental Director of the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians, works closely with tribal members, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board and

US EPA Region 9 on water quality and natural resource protection, including on: algal toxin testing; pesticide, nutrient and mercury monitoring in Clear Lake and its tributaries; storm water management; shoreline restoration; and other crucial water and environmental tasks. ([bvrancheria.com](http://bvrancheria.com))



**Janine Sagert**, Ph.D., an integration consultant and optimal performance coach, is a producer of the film *From Shock to Awe*, being shown at Bioneers this

year. Profoundly affected by her experiences in her youth with psychedelics and studies in India, Janine became a researcher in altered states of consciousness and stress management and was a leading, early figure in bringing meditation to many workplaces. ([shocktoawe.com](http://shocktoawe.com))



**Leila Salazar-López**, the Executive Director of Amazon Watch, has worked for 20+ years to defend the world's rainforests, human rights, and the climate

through grassroots organizing and international advocacy campaigns at Amazon Watch, Rainforest Action Network, Global Exchange, and Green

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Corps. She is also a Greenpeace Voting Member and a Global Fund for Women Advisor for Latin America. ([amazonwatch.org](http://amazonwatch.org))



**Neeka Salmasi** is an Azerbaijani-Iranian artist and educator in Oakland. She coordinates West Oakland Legacy Project: a youth environmental justice program centered around using visual arts to as a tool for activism and social change. She is passionate about teaching environmentalism in a rooted, and decolonized way. She is also a reporter at KPFA news, as well as author of recent book *UATAN*: a story of immigration to the United States from post-revolution Iran. ([ahc-oakland.org](http://ahc-oakland.org))



**Cameron (Cami) Salomon**, a plant caretaker and conservationist who, in 2018, founded Kindred Herbs, a specialty nursery dedicated to growing a diversity of medicinal herbs from around the world, is dedicated to defending biodiversity and combating plant overharvesting and habitat loss. ([kindred-herbs.com](http://kindred-herbs.com))



**Yeshe Salz**, Project Manager for the Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network, is a coalition-builder, facilitator and climate justice advocate working at the nexus of climate resilience, community-driven planning and racial justice. Yeshe has organized with environmental justice organizations across the Bay Area such as PODER and CBE and worked internationally in the fields of indigenous community empowerment, cultural sovereignty and clean water rights. ([baycanadapt.org](http://baycanadapt.org))



**Anita Sanchez**, Ph.D., an Indigenous and Latina author, trainer, and speaker passionate about visionary leadership, Indigenous wisdom, and the empowerment of women, works on a wide range of cultural transformation, diversity and inclusion projects. Anita, who serves on the boards of Bioneers and of the Pachamama Alliance, is also the internationally bestselling author of *The Four Sacred Gifts: Indigenous Wisdom for Modern Times*. ([anitasanchez.onlinepresskit247.com](http://anitasanchez.onlinepresskit247.com); [FourSacredGifts.com](http://FourSacredGifts.com))



**Héctor Sánchez-Flores** is the Executive Director of the National Compadres Network (NCN), an organization that develops and supports culturally centered programs for boys and men of color, Latino and Indigenous youth, and families. NCN draws from the ancestral wisdom and resilience of communities affected by trauma and racism to promote deep healing and transformative, equitable change. ([nationalcompadresnetwork.org](http://nationalcompadresnetwork.org))



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**Emily M. Schell**, Ph.D., is Executive Director of the California Global Education Project and serves as co-chair to the California Environmental Literacy Initiative. Her former positions include: teacher, principal, and Social Studies resource teacher at San Diego Unified School District; History-Social Science Coordinator at San Diego County Office of Education; liaison to National Geographic Education Foundation; and pre-service educator at San Diego State University. ([cal-globaled.org](http://cal-globaled.org))



**Will Scott** is a co-founder and member of the teaching team at the Weaving Earth Center for Relational Education. He co-creates nature-based, relationally-focused educational initiatives that reside at the intersections of ecological health, human development, social justice, and emergent response. ([weavingearth.org](http://weavingearth.org))



**Simone Senogles** wears many hats for the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) as its: Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator, Mining Affected Communities Mini-grants Administrator, and Office Manager. She is dedicated to bringing people

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together across boundaries by building strong connections around food, community, health, and well-being and to revitalizing traditional Indigenous food systems. ([iearth.org](http://iearth.org))



**David Shaw**, a permaculture and whole systems designer, facilitator, and educator, founded Santa Cruz Permaculture and the Right Livelihood College at UC

Santa Cruz, a partnership with the “Alternative Nobel Prize.” He supports communities locally and globally to transform their shared future through strategic dialogue and collective action. ([santacruzpermaculture.com](http://santacruzpermaculture.com), [rightlivelihood.ucsc.edu](http://rightlivelihood.ucsc.edu))



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professor at Cal State Sacramento and UC Davis. She previously served as Executive Director of Women in International Security and had a long career in government service, including at the State and Defense departments, as well as working with many non-profit research and advocacy organizations. ([oursecurefuture.org](http://oursecurefuture.org))



**Nina Simons**, co-founder of Bioneers and its Chief Relationship Strategist is also co-founder of Women Bridging Worlds and Cultivating Women’s Leadership

(with Toby Herzlich). She co-edited the anthology book, *Moonrise: The Power of Women Leading from the Heart*, and most recently wrote *Nature, Culture & The Sacred: A Woman Listens for Leadership*. An award-winning social entrepreneur, Nina teaches and speaks internationally, and previously served as President of Seeds of Change and Director of Strategic Marketing for Odwalla. ([ninasimons.com](http://ninasimons.com))



**Emily Sinclair** is an anthropologist whose research focuses on the globalization of ayahuasca and its impacts, especially in the Iquitos region of Peru where she

was based between 2014 and 2018. She is a member of the Ayahuasca Community Committee of the Chacruna Institute for Psychedelic Medicines, and a leader of the Ayahuasca Community Guide for the Awareness of Sexual Abuse initiative. ([chacruna.net/community/ayahuasca-community-guide-for-the-awareness-of-sexual-abuse](http://chacruna.net/community/ayahuasca-community-guide-for-the-awareness-of-sexual-abuse))



**Joel Solomon**, author of *The Clean Money Revolution: Reinventing Power, Purpose, and Capitalism* and Chairman of Renewal Funds, a \$200 million

mission venture capital firm, has invested in over 100 early growth-stage companies in North America, delivering above market returns while catalyzing positive social and environmental change. ([joelsolomon.org](http://joelsolomon.org), [renewalfunds.com](http://renewalfunds.com))



**Atossa Soltani**, founder and Board President of Amazon Watch, a nonprofit founded in 1996 to protect the rainforest and advance the rights of

indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin, was Amazon Watch’s first Executive Director for 18 years. She now leads the Sacred Headwaters Initiative, a collaborative effort to secure permanent protection for the most biodiverse rainforest in the world on the Ecuador-Peru border. ([amazonwatch.org](http://amazonwatch.org))



**Katrina Spade**, a designer, activist and entrepreneur dedicated to radical innovations in our society’s death care experience, founded Recompose,

a benefit corporation dedicated to offering earth-centric, participatory, and meaningful death care to the public in 2017. An Echoing Green and Ashoka fellow, she has a background in architecture and anthropology. ([recompose.life](http://recompose.life))



**Shaun Spalding**, a former commercial filmmaker, is a highly experienced IP attorney specializing in digital entertainment transactions and licensing

and the Assistant Director of New Media Rights, a non-profit representing creators and startups otherwise unable to afford legal services. He is also a professor at California Western School of Law and teaches highly popular online courses in legal basics for creatives. ([newmediarights.org](http://newmediarights.org))



**Scott Spann** works with businesses, NGOs, foundations and government institutions to bring stakeholders together to seek solutions to complex

problems. His remarkably varied CV includes being a practicing trauma psychotherapist, doing consulting work for a number of leading corporations, founding the Texas office of The Nature

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Conservancy, heading the Rolf Institute, working with former guerrilla and indigenous leaders in Guatemala, and stints as a cowboy, sailor, and competitive athlete. (innatestrategies.com)



**Starhawk**, an activist; leading eco-feminist thinker; documentary filmmaker; and permaculture designer, rancher and teacher; directs Earth Activist Training, which teaches a form of regenerative design grounded in both spirit and activism. She is the author of 13 books on earth-based spirituality and activism, including *The Spiral Dance*, *The Earth Path*, and *The Empowerment Manual*; as well as highly influential novels, including *The Fifth Sacred Thing*. (starhawk.org, earthactivisttraining.org)



**Naomi Starkman** is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of Civil Eats, a daily news source for critical thought about the American food system. A former Journalism Fellow at Stanford, she co-founded the Food & Environment Reporting Network, worked as a media consultant to many leading publications, and served as the Deputy Executive Director of the City of San Francisco's Ethics Commission. (civileats.com)



**Dale Strickler**, a leader in the soil health movement, author of *The Drought Resilient Farm and Managing Pasture*, is an agronomist working for Green Cover Seed, the nation's leading cover crop specific seed company. He previously taught agronomy at Cloud County Community College and worked for several companies, including Land O'Lakes, Star Seed, and Valent USA. He also runs his own ranching operation near Jamestown Kansas. (greencoverseed.com)



**Nikhil Swaminathan**, an award-winning journalist and the Executive Editor of *Crist*, the nation's leading environmental news site, oversees a distributed nonprofit newsroom of 15 journalists. Previously, he led the publication's coverage of Environmental Justice, and he's held editorial positions at *Scientific American*, *Al Jazeera America*, *GOOD*, and *Archaeology*. Prior to joining *Crist*, Nikhil was an inaugural Ida B. Wells Fellow at Type Investigations. (grist.org)



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**Jennifer Taylor**, a filmmaker, Associate Professor in the Department of Film and Digital Media at UC Santa Cruz and Director of that school's Graduate Studies of the Social Documentation MFA program as well as a Sundance Documentary Institute Fellow, makes colorful, character-based films about real people with extraordinary stories. Her work has been shown at Sundance and a wide range of film festivals nationally and internationally. (specificpictures.com)



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**Jerry Tello** of Mexican, Texan and Coahuiltecan ancestry, raised in South Central Los Angeles, has worked for 40+ years as a leading expert in transformational healing for men and boys of color; racial justice; peaceful community mobilization; and providing domestic violence awareness, healing and support services to war veterans and their spouses. He currently works with the Sacred Circles Center in Whittier, California and is a member of its performance group. (jerytello.com)



**Pandora Thomas**, a leading figure in the application of ecological principles to social design with 25+ years' experience, currently combines being a caregiver for her mother with her work as a renowned teacher, writer, designer, speaker, and

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facilitator at several permaculture and ecological design schools and programs nationally and internationally. ([pandorathomas.com](http://pandorathomas.com))



**Clayton Thomas-Müller** (Mathias Colomb Cree/aka Pukatawagan), currently the 'Stop it at the Source' campaigner with [350.org](http://350.org), is an award-winning

Winnipeg, Canada-based Indigenous Rights/Climate Justice activist and media producer with 17+ years' experience organizing in hundreds of First Nations across North America against the fossil fuel industry and leading delegations to major UN and other international conclaves. Clayton also serves on many boards, including for: Black Mesa Water Coalition, Indigenous Climate Action, and Bioneers. ([350.org](http://350.org))



**Heather McTeer Toney**, born and raised in Greenville, Mississippi, was, at age 27, elected that town's first African-American, first female, and

youngest ever Mayor. After her 2nd term, she became Regional Administrator for the EPA's Southeast Region. A nationally and internationally renowned, award-winning leader in Environmental and Climate Justice, she is currently Field Director for Moms Clean Air Force, an organization of over 1 million parents committed to fighting climate change and air pollution. ([heathermcteertoney.com](http://heathermcteertoney.com))



**Rebecca Tortes** (Mt. Cahuilla/Luiseño/Assiniboine Sioux) currently serves as the Executive Director for the California Indian Basketweavers' Association

(CIBA), a statewide non-profit working to preserve, promote and perpetuate California Indian basket weaving traditions. In addition to her work with CIBA, Ms. Tortes works in a consulting capacity with numerous California tribes and tribal non-profits, supporting the development of language revitalization and cultural programs. ([ciba.org](http://ciba.org))



**Al Tozer**, a Bend, Oregon-based pioneering figure in "deep green," "net zero energy," "biophilic" architecture with 25+ years' experience in the field whose firm,

Tozer Design, designed the world's first certified Living Building residential project, recently served as the Living Building Challenge Director at the International Living Future Institute in Seattle. Al has also served as a City of Bend Planning

Commissioner and co-authored Bend's General Plan. ([tozerdesign.com](http://tozerdesign.com))



**Tara Trudell** is a socially and environmentally "engaged" multimedia artist who weaves poetry, photography, film, and audio components into her work.

Recently she has tackled issues such as the crisis at the USA/Mexico border. One of her techniques consists of writing poems about topics, then rolling the poems into paper beads that become prayers that transport each poem's purpose and energy into the world. ([taraevonnetrudell.com](http://taraevonnetrudell.com))



**Vien Truong, JD**, a leading expert on building an equitable green economy, has helped develop many major energy, environmental and economic

justice policies and programs at the state, federal, and local levels. A former President/CEO of the Dream Corps, her firm, Truong & Associates, advises lawmakers and organizations globally on developing sustainable, equitable environmental policies. Among her many award-winning achievements Vien co-led the coalition to pass California's law creating the biggest fund in history for the most polluted communities. ([vientruong.net](http://vientruong.net))



**Deborah Eden Tull**, founder of Mindful Living Revolution, a Zen meditation and mindfulness teacher, author, activist, and sustainability educator, teaches

the integration of compassionate awareness into every aspect of our lives. Eden who spent 7 years training as a monk at a Zen monastery and has been teaching about sustainable communities for 25+ years, is the author of: *Relational Mindfulness: A Handbook for Deepening Our Connection with Ourselves, Each Other, and Our Planet.* ([deborahedentull.com](http://deborahedentull.com))



**Shoshana Ungerleider, MD**, a physician, philanthropist and speaker, works as an internist at Crossover Health in San Francisco. She is the founder and President of

End Well, a media platform and annual interdisciplinary symposium on design and innovation for the end of life experience. This is a premier convening for thought leaders from design, technology, healthcare, policy, spirituality, entertainment, the arts, education and patient advocacy with the goal of creating solutions to make the end of life more human-centered. ([endwellproject.org](http://endwellproject.org))

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**John Valenzuela**, a horticulturist, consultant and educator who focuses on a diversity of productive trees, shrubs, vines and other perennials, growing an “ecosystem of abundance” with his Cornucopia Food Forest Gardens, has taught permaculture for 30 years, from Hawai’i to California, Washington state and Central America. He is actively engaged with the non-profit California Rare Fruit Growers organization. ([cornucopiafoodforest.com](http://cornucopiafoodforest.com))



**Noe Venable**, a singer-songwriter, music educator and “spiritual activist,” has released 8 adult and 8 children’s albums and toured nationally. A musical facilitator, Noe uses group singing as a tool for community building with people of all ages and also leads an outdoor parent-child music eco and spirit-themed program called Meadowlark Music Class and a weekly intergenerational chorus for women, Mothersong. ([noevenable.com](http://noevenable.com))



**Carly Vynne**, Ph.D, is an ecologist and conservation strategist who seeks out creative solutions for how we can leave more room for nature in a rapidly changing world. She recently co-authored *The Global Deal for Nature*, which calls for an ambitious, time-bound set of nature-based targets that must be achieved if we are to solve the climate and extinction crises. ([globaldealornature.org](http://globaldealornature.org))



**Afia Walking Tree**, a renowned multi-instrumental percussionist, performer, educator, earth practitioner, NGO administrator, and longtime activist focused on transformative cultural healing across ethnic and generational lines using drumming as her main tool, is founder of the Drum Mobile, a portable drum-arts learning laboratory that makes accessible the power of African drumming and Permaculture to communities of color internationally. ([afiawalkingtree.com](http://afiawalkingtree.com))



**LaNada War Jack**, Ph.D., a member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, attended UC Berkeley starting in 1968 and became very active in social change movements, including with the Third World Liberation Front that fought to establish ethnic studies programs and in the 1969 Native American

take-over of Alcatraz Island. She is the author of the upcoming: *Native Resistance: An Intergenerational Fight for Survival and Life*. ([drwarjack.com](http://drwarjack.com))



**Karen Washington**, co-owner/ farmer of Rise & Root Farm, has been a legendary activist in the community gardening movement since 1985. Renowned for turning empty Bronx lots into verdant spaces, Karen is: a former President of the NYC Community Garden Coalition; a board member of: the NY Botanical Gardens, Why Hunger, and NYC Farm School; a co-founder of Black Urban Growers (BUGS); and a pioneering force in establishing urban farmers’ markets. ([karenthefarmer.com](http://karenthefarmer.com))



**Greg Watson**, Director of Policy and Systems Design at the Schumacher Center for a New Economics, has spent four decades seeking to apply systems thinking to achieve a just and sustainable world. His long CV includes stints as Massachusetts’ Commissioner of Agriculture, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust and of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, and founding the Cuba-U.S. Agroecology Network, among many other prestigious positions. ([centerforneweconomics.org](http://centerforneweconomics.org))



**Bryan Welch**, CEO of Mindful Magazine and the Foundation for a Mindful Society, is former chief executive of Ogden Publications (Mother Earth News, Utne Reader), B The Change Media (B Magazine), and Foster Care Technologies. Author of the award-winning book, *Beautiful & Abundant: Building the World We Want*, he and his wife, Carolyn, also raise organic, grass-fed cattle, sheep and goats on their farm near Lawrence, Kansas. ([mindful.org](http://mindful.org))



**Angela M. Wellman**, an award-winning musician, scholar, educator, and activist, is the founder of the Oakland Public Conservatory of Music which centers the Black experience in the development of American musical culture and identity. She is presently completing her dissertation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison exploring the impact of racism and white supremacy on access to music education for Black students. ([opcmusic.org](http://opcmusic.org))

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**Fresh "Lev" White**, CEO of Affirmative Acts Consulting, is a Bay Area-based certified coach, diversity trainer, mindfulness meditation teacher, speaker, and writer. Lev is also the founder of the Trans and GQ Mindfulness Sangha and a contributor to several collections and anthologies, including *Real World Mindfulness for Beginners*, *Trans Buddhist Anthology*, and *Trans Bodies/Trans Selves*. ([affirmativeacts.org](http://affirmativeacts.org))



**Sarah L. White**, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Jobs and the Economy in Governor Gavin Newsom's Office of Planning and Research, is working on California's efforts to make an equitable transition to carbon neutrality. Sarah has a long track record of public service at the highest levels in both governmental and non-profit sectors. One of the nation's leading experts on jobs and training in the low-carbon economy, she has written widely on inequality, de-carbonization, and social change. ([opr.ca.gov](http://opr.ca.gov))



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**Terry Tempest Williams**, one of the greatest authors of the American West, is also a longtime award-winning conservationist and activist who has taken on

nuclear testing, the Iraq War, the neglect of women's health, and the destruction of nature. A Fellow in the Environmental Humanities Graduate Program at the University of Utah and at Dartmouth College (where she continues to teach), her many prize-winning books include: *Refuge*; *An Unspoken Hunger*; *Desert Quartet*; *The Open Space of Democracy*; and *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*. ([www.coyoteclan.com](http://www.coyoteclan.com))



**Larry Williams Jr.**, Labor Coordinator for the Sierra Club's Labor and Economic Justice Program, works domestically and internationally as a strategist and organizer seeking to revive the labor movement's influence and strengthen working class voices in climate, economic and racial justice struggles. President Emeritus of Progressive Workers Union (PWU), Williams is known globally as the founder of UnionBase.org, the first secure social networking platform for unions and union workers. ([sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org))



**Edward Willie**, a true native of California (of Pomo, Wintu, Paiute, and Wailaki ancestry), is a native ecologist with 40+ years' experience teaching Traditional

Ecological Knowledge (TEK), Herbalism, Permaculture, and ancient skills to people of all ages. Also an artist (drawing, painting, and sculpture), he has in recent years been a core organizer of the annual Buckeye Gathering, a gathering in support of ancestral skills and village building. He is an adjunct teacher for Weaving Earth. ([buckeyegathering.net](http://buckeyegathering.net))



**María Xiomara Dorsey**, born in Colombia and now residing in the Bay Area, is a co-founder of the Brasil Solidarity Network, a member of Idle No More SF Bay, and a signatory of the Indigenous Women of the Americas' Defending Mother Earth Treaty. ([facebook.com/BrasilSolidarityNetwork](http://facebook.com/BrasilSolidarityNetwork))



**Michael Yellow Bird**, Ph.D., (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara), Dean of the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba, previously served as Director of

the Indigenous Nations Studies program at the University of Kansas, among many other academic positions. An internationally recognized expert on Indigenous Peoples health and the effects of colonization, he is the author of numerous articles and the co-editor or co-author of several books, including *For Indigenous Eyes Only: The Decolonization Handbook*. ([umanitoba.ca](http://umanitoba.ca))

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**Chanowk Yisrael**, co-founder of the Yisrael Family Urban Farm in Sacramento's South Oak Park neighborhood, gave up a life in corporate America to become an

award-winning, pioneering urban homesteader. Director of Urban Organic Sustainability for Hip Hop is Green, a plant-based hip hop multimedia organization, he also serves on the board of the South Oak Park Community Association and Slow Food Sacramento. ([yisraelfamilyfarm.net](http://yisraelfamilyfarm.net))



**Judith Yisrael**, Director of the Yisrael Family Urban Farm in Sacramento's South Oak Park neighborhood (a classic "food desert"), is an herbalist,

award-winning community educator and mother dedicated to sharing her knowledge of nature's power to heal—physically, emotionally and psychologically. A member of the American Herbalist Guild, she is also a master soap maker whose handmade skin care products are available at retail outlets throughout Sacramento. ([yisraelfamilyfarm.net](http://yisraelfamilyfarm.net))



**Nany Zepeda Sanic**, of Mayan ancestry, originally from Guatemala, has lived in Mexico, Texas, and now on a regenerative agriculture farm in Hawaii, where

she is co-creating an educational center. Focused on Indigenous activism through food, land and community-based wisdom, Nany has collaborated with chefs, farmers, weavers, women run cooperatives, immigration and Indigenous advocacy groups, educators, and entrepreneurs, seeking to build bridges through food. ([cacaokeepers.org](http://cacaokeepers.org))



**Margaret Zhou**, the Partnerships Manager for International Rivers, a global grassroots organization working to protect rivers and the communities that

depend upon them, coordinates the organization's many diverse partnerships. She was on the organizing committee of the first global Women and Rivers Congress. Previously Margaret served as a communications consultant for several start-ups and non-profits. ([internationalrivers.org](http://internationalrivers.org))

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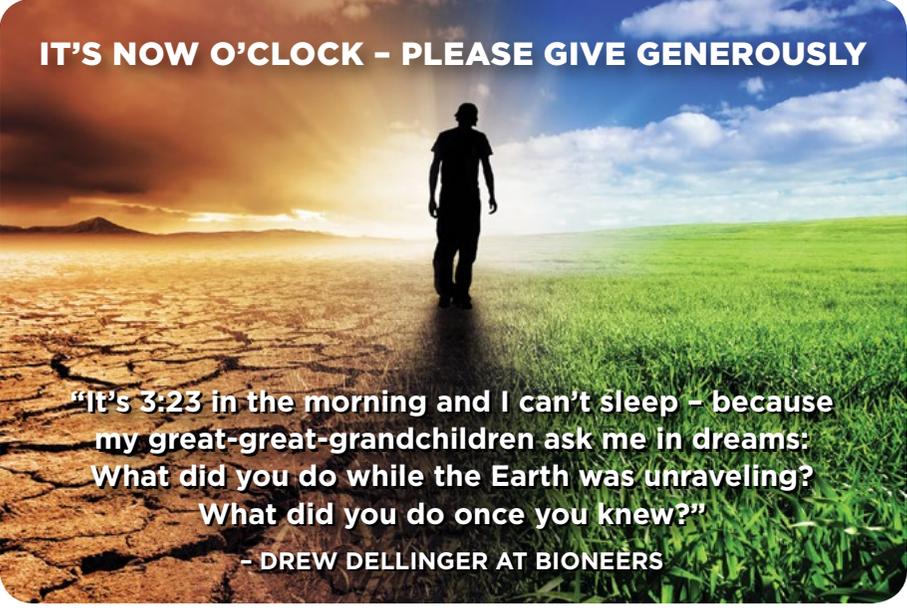
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"We treat our Native youth scholarship recipients like honored leaders."  
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