

PATHWAYS FORWARD



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*"Bioneers is clearly a crucial organizing principle... It offers an edge system, an ecotone where ideas can venture a little out of their natural habitats and meet and merge."*

- BILL McKIBBEN

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**IT'S ALL ALIVE | IT'S ALL INTELLIGENT | IT'S ALL CONNECTED | IT'S ALL RELATIVES**



For 29 years, Bioneers has chosen an artist and piece of artwork to provide the look, feel and visual inspiration for our annual conference. We were overjoyed when artist Lisa Ericson was willing to donate an image of her painting, Terrarium II, to Bioneers as the featured image for this year's annual Bioneers Conference. Learn more about her work at [lisaericson.com](http://lisaericson.com).



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## WELCOME TO BIONEERS 2018

Dear Bioneers:

It's a welcome gift to gather together at this sober and precarious turning point where we can move the world from breakdown to breakthrough. These coming years will be the most important in the history of human civilization – the decisive and fleeting window to make essential shifts in our course.

This Age of Nature calls for a new social contract of interdependence. Taking care of nature means taking care of people – and taking care of people means taking care of nature. And we can have peace with Earth only when we practice justice with each other – in a process that never ends.

Real and lasting change will come only by changing the systems that are driving the destruction and by transforming our underlying values and principles. The time to act is now. Future generations and the web of life are counting on us.

As the Bioneers community of leadership has long demonstrated, in great measure the solutions are present, or we know what directions to head in.

Bioneers 2018 is very much focused on these pathways forward: the authentic, effective models and solutions, both visionary and practical, that will create a very different equitable and regenerative world.

The ground truth is that large majorities of the world's peoples want these new pathways. The democracy deficit – the disconnect between what majorities want and what retrograde elites impose on us – has never been greater. It feels as if tectonic plates are moving in different directions, and something's gotta give.

The outcome hinges on growing this movement of movements that Bioneers embodies, encourages and reflects.

As David Orr has said, "Hope is a verb with its sleeves rolled up." We honor you for being a change agent in this pivotal time when we're all called upon to be leaders.

Bioneers is by its nature systemic and kaleidoscopic. The conference is a wellspring of inspiration, solutions, renewal, community and hope. We invite you to open yourself to new ideas, people and projects, to make connections, to embrace the spontaneous flow of synchronicities and epiphanies that may arise.

As conditions continue to worsen, the clamor for solutions is already starting to spike exponentially. Education and media are critically important to help spread the successes. Please share what you learn at Bioneers, check out our award-winning media and podcasts, and spread the word!

Looking back over these nearly three decades of Bioneers, we're amazed at how far this movement of movements has come. At the same time, we're clear-eyed about how far we have to go at this perilous cusp of permanent emergency. We have no time to lose.

We wish you a profoundly inspiring and fruitful experience. As Sarah Crowell says, "The way we'll hold it together is to hold it – together."

On behalf of the entire Bioneers team, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for choosing to take part and join with us in co-creating this revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart.

With Love and Gratitude –  
Kenny Ausubel, Nina Simons and Joshua Fouts

# PRE-POST CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 9AM-5PM**

## **TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE (TEK) WORKSHOP**

### **Abalone and Seaweed TEK: Our Original Instructions for Harvesting the Ocean**

We Indigenous people have ceremonies, ancestral teachings, cultural practices and strict rules for harvesting all of our resources. Sometimes we pray and talk to our plants before collecting them, assuring them we'll do no harm and that we'll leave them the ability to continue their life cycles and their ability to regenerate.

Shellfish and seaweed have been important parts of the West Coast Indigenous diet for thousands of years, but this ongoing legacy is under threat by ecosystem disruption and discriminatory harvesting regulations. Through discussion, demonstrations and hands-on activities, California Indian TEK experts will share the importance of intertidal resources to the traditional diet, to clothing manufacturing and ceremonial life. They will also discuss ways to address ongoing threats to these cultural practices. First Peoples have a saying, "When the tide is out, the table is set." If we cannot change harvesting practices together, we will not have food on our tables.

With: **Leah Mata** (Northern Chumash); **A-dae Romero-Briones** (Cochiti Pueblo); **Ilarion Mercurieff** (Aleut); **Vincent Medina** (Muwekma Ohlone); **Hillary Renick** (Sherwood Valley Pomo); **Edward Willie** (Pomo/Wailaki/Wintu); **Dean Hoaglin** (Coast Miwok/Pomo/Wailaki/Yuki); **Jacob White Horse** (Northern Chumash/Rosebud Sioux)

*Location: McNears Beach Park*

*Price: \$195 (includes Native Harvest lunch provided by Chef Crystal Wahpepah [Kickapoo] from Crystal Wahpepah's Kitchen)*

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018, 10:00AM-5:00PM**

## **Regenerative Agriculture: Healthy Soils, Economic Justice and Climate Change Mitigation**

Contemporary industrial agriculture has been massively damaging our soil, water, biodiversity, and people. In order to be able to feed the world's people without destroying the biosphere in this turbulent era of climate change, we need to develop new approaches to farming.

Regenerative Agriculture is a highly adaptable, dynamic, ever-evolving system that increases biodiversity, enriches soil, improves watersheds, and enhances ecosystem services while increasing soil carbon storage, thereby helping mitigate climate change. It combines the best practices of organic farming, permaculture, holistic management and agro-ecology while developing just and equitable relations with all stakeholders, including farm workers.

At this daylong workshop held at **Elizabeth and Paul Kaiser's** exemplary **Singing Frogs Farm** (a no-till, highly innovative organic vegetable operation that has radically boosted the quantities and health of its soil and the biodiversity on its land), we will learn all about Regenerative Agriculture from some of the nation's leading experts and practitioners, including: **Doniga Markegard**, co-owner/co-manager of Markegard Family Grass-Fed LLC.; **Timothy J. LaSalle**, Ph.D., co-founder and Co-Director of the Regenerative Agriculture Initiative at CSU Chico, formerly President/CEO of the California Agriculture Leadership Program and first CEO of the Rodale Institute.

*Location: Singing Frogs Farm, Sebastopol, CA*

*Price: \$195 (includes lunch)*



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**INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT:** Bioneers is committed to creating and upholding an inclusive, safe and respectful space so that all conference participants and partners have the best opportunity to interact, learn and grow. We invite you to uphold the Bioneers inclusivity norms: Respect, Listen, Honor, and Value Differences.

**RECORDING & FILMING:** No audio or film recording is permitted in the VMA theater or Indigenous Forum Tent without express permission from Bioneers. To obtain permission in the form of a special Press/Media pass, you must check in at the Press Check In in the Registration area. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**CONFERENCE INFO BOOTH & MESSAGE CENTERS** are located across from the Registration Tent. 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 2018 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 19

## 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, and Joshua Fouts, Bioneers Executive Director

**Opening Ceremony** by Vincent Medina, Muwekma Ohlone tribal Councilman, born and raised in his people's traditional homeland of Halkin (southern Oakland/San Leandro/San Lorenzo).

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

**MONICA GAGLIANO**  
**Imagination, Science, and the Mind of Plants**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder*

From ancient myths to modern blockbuster movies, humanity has recounted countless stories in which a seemingly inert vegetal world suddenly comes to life to express itself like a person. What if these stories were more than the fruit of vivid imaginations and were based on an underlying truth? Monica Gagliano, Research Associate Professor in Evolutionary Ecology at the University of Western Australia, has courageously illuminated the revolutionary new field of Plant Bioacoustics. She'll share startling cutting-edge research and show how contemporary science has finally begun lifting the veil of our assumptions by beginning to attune its ears to vegetal "voices." She believes this new paradigm will expand our perspectives to provide us with imaginative new solutions to our current eco-cultural predicaments.

**JACQUELINE GARCEL**  
**Unleashing the Power of Love in Philanthropy**

*Introduction by Dan Skaff, co-founder and Managing Partner of Radicle Impact Partners*

Social Justice warrior Jacqueline Martinez Garcel leads a foundation with the largest network of civically engaged Latino philanthropists. On a mission to unleash the power of Latinos, the Latino Community Foundation (LCF) seeks to radically change the concept, purpose, and pathway to philanthropy by returning it to its core roots: love. At a critical moment in our nation's history, the rising groups of Latino leaders are fighting the battles of racism and classism that are raging in our country by honing in the healing and redemptive power of love. Driven by change and impact, not charity—Jacqueline will share how the work of LCF is radicalizing the power dynamics that have crept into the field of philanthropy and have held the sector captive in an oppressive and counterintuitive cycle. The ultimate objective for Jacqueline is to liberate capital and invest in grassroot movements and leaders that will drive us closer to a more just and representative democracy.

**INTRINSIC: A Performance by CLIMBING POETREE**

These two Brooklyn-based poets-artists-activists-educators-musicians-performers may be the most brilliant socially engaged spoken word duo in the known universe. They'll perform material from their recent kickass album, Intrinsic.

**MAY BOEVE**  
**Climate Change is Changing the World—Now We Too Must Change**

*Introduction by Clayton Thomas-Muller, Stop-it-at-the-Source Campaigner of 350.org*

As Executive Director of 350.org, the groundbreaking grassroots international climate change campaign whose innovative organizing and mass mobilizations have uniquely helped generate a mass global sense of urgency and action, May Boeve will share her eagle's-eye perspectives on the current state of the climate struggle. She'll illustrate 350.



Michael Pollan – Author

org's learnings and strategies moving forward, including ways of learning about and incorporating justice and equity. She'll illuminate pathways our species must take to keep 80% of known fossil fuel reserves in the ground and radically accelerate the shift to 100% clean energy.

**RUPA MARYA, M.D.**  
**Health and Justice: The Path of Liberation through Medicine**

*Introduction by Cat Brooks, Executive Director of Justice Teams Network*

Health visionary Rupa Marya, Associate Professor of Medicine at UC San Francisco and Faculty Director of the Do No Harm Coalition, urges us to radically re-envision and expand our concept of medicine to encompass and address the health impacts of poverty, racism and environmental toxicity. She has been working to make visible the health issues at the nexus of racism and state violence through: her medical work; The Justice Study (national research investigating the health effects of police violence on Black, Brown and other disenfranchised communities); helping set up a free community clinic for the practice of decolonized medicine under Lakota leadership at Standing Rock (the Mni Wiconi Health Clinic); and international outreach with her band, Rupa and the April Fishes.

**Youth Leadership Keynote:**  
**JAYDEN LIM**  
**Beyond the Headdress**

Award-winning young Pomo activist Jayden Lim of the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center's Tribal Youth Ambassadors program will illuminate the hidden history of California and how she has had to grapple with stereotypes and historical trauma to find her identity as a Native youth.

**MICHAEL POLLAN**  
**How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel, Bioneers CEO and founder*

Bestselling author of landmark books such as *The Botany of Desire* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma* that have challenged our fundamental civilizational assumptions, Michael Pollan once again bravely ventures where angels fear to tread. His new book *How To Change Your Mind* surveys the highly controversial terrain of the renaissance of both the science and popular usage of psychedelic substances. As one of our most brilliant and clear-eyed explorers of such topics as plant intelligence and how we feed ourselves, Michael will share his luminous insights from what began as investigative reportage and became a very personal interior journey into the mystery of consciousness and the nature of spirituality at this perilous moment when only a shift in human consciousness can alter the deadly trajectory of our societies.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS, 2:45-4:15PM**

**Plant Intelligence and Human Consciousness: Into the Mystery**

**Monica Gagliano** has single-handedly pioneered the revolutionary new field of Plant Bioacoustics, which is providing the most powerful evidence to date that plants possess forms of cognition that could constitute

“personhood.” **Michael Pollan**, who has studied the human-plant relationship in such classic bestselling works as *The Botany of Desire*, has now turned his attention in his new book *How To Change Your Mind* to what cutting-edge research on psychedelic substances (which are nearly all derived from or modeled on plant molecules) is revealing about human consciousness. These two brilliant visionaries will engage in conversation, hosted by **J.P. Hargnignies**, Bioneers senior producer.

*Location: Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium*

### Climate Change, Natural Disasters and Community Resilience

Call it the “new normal” or the “long emergency,” but there’s no question we’re living in an unstable climate-changed world. The increased frequency and scale of natural disasters pose one of the greatest challenges we face. Leaders from three different communities currently in the process of responding to different types of natural disasters will share their stories and their strategies to build communities that are both resilient and socially just. Hosted by **Trathen Heckman**, Executive Director of Petaluma’s Daily Acts. With **Sigrid Wright**, Executive Director of Santa Barbara’s Community Environmental Council; **Estrella Santiago Perez**, Environmental Affairs Manager of Puerto Rico’s ENLACE.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

### Revisioning Healing and Public Health in the 21st Century

Medical systems around the world are in crisis. In poorer nations and communities medical care is grossly inadequate and most often inaccessible except to the well-to-do. In more prosperous regions, powerful private interests profit obscenely as drastic inequities in the quality and availability of medical care grow exponentially. What is to be done? Two extraordinary physicians with radical critiques of the current medical paradigm share their strategies and visions of what an effective, equitable, truly compassionate medical system would look like. With: **Rupa Marya**, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine at UCSF, renowned for her dynamic, multi-faceted

work challenging racism in our approaches to public health; **Victoria Sweet**, MD, Ph.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, prize-winning medical historian, a passionate advocate of patient-centered medicine, and best-selling author, most recently of the classic, *Slow Medicine*. Moderated by **Sonali Sangeeta Balajee**, founder of The Bodhi Project and former Senior Fellow with HIFIS Berkeley.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Women at the Frontlines of Climate Justice: Integrated Global Strategies

In many parts of the world, women are often the ones hardest hit by climate change’s destructive effects, but they are also very often the ones taking the leading roles in the struggles to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Leaders from three of the most significant global networks on the frontlines of these efforts — the Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network, Indigenous Climate Action and the Climate Justice Alliance — will share their inspiring stories about how women-led movements are doing cutting-edge organizing that advances climate stability, social justice, and gender and economic equity. Hosted by **Anneke Campbell**, author/activist. With: **Eriel Tchekwie Deranger**, Executive Director of Indigenous Climate Action; **Osprey Orielle Lake**, co-founder/ Executive Director of the Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network; **Tere Almaguer**, Environmental Justice Organizer for PODER in San Francisco.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

### Using Your Investments to Hold Corporations Accountable and Change the World

The great majority of us have our savings parked at a big bank and in a 401k invested in a bunch of mutual funds, and nearly all that money is helping finance climate change, gender inequality, forced labor, overpaid CEOs, and the corporate takeover of our political system. We have all been blindly abdicating our financial power, but this very practical workshop



will show us how to align our investing with our values in easy steps. We will leave knowing how to divest from destructive investments and fund the future we actually want to live in. With: **Thomas Van Dyck**, Managing Director/ Financial Advisor with SRI Wealth Management Group, a leader in socially responsible investing for 30+ years who founded the shareholder advocacy As You Sow Foundation; **Danielle Fugere**, President and Chief Counsel at As You Sow. Hosted by **Nick Guroff**, Deputy Director of Communications and Foundation Relations at Corporate Accountability.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## Advancing the Legal Rights of Nature in a Time of Environmental Crisis

The first “rights of nature” law was enacted in a Pennsylvania community in 2006, followed two years later by Ecuador’s enshrinement of that principle in its constitution, the first country to do so. This is the ten-year anniversary of that historic event. Come learn how Indigenous people, communities, countries, and courts have continued the struggle to secure the highest legal protections for nature and how you can become part of this growing movement. With **Mari Margil**, Associate Director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, a leading figure in the global movement to enshrine Rights of Nature in jurisprudence; and **Bill Twist**, co-founder and CEO of the Pachamama Alliance.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## Engaging our Differences: Practice and Presence

In this interactive workshop we’ll experience Whole Communities’ innovative approach to creating transformative change in ourselves, our organizations and our communities. We’ll engage in embodied awareness and storytelling practices deeply informed by systems thinking, neuroscience, and cutting-edge approaches to ecology and human behavior. This experiential session is designed to help us bring theory into practice and to cultivate our capacity to stay in relationship across difference in these intensely divisive,

polarized times. Facilitated by Center for Whole Communities’ Senior Fellow **Samara Gaev** and Co-Directors **Mohamad Chakaki** and **Ginny McGinn**.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## Indigenous Forum. Abalone Wars: Indigenous Voices from the Coastal Frontlines

The ability to gather intertidal resources in California has been critically affected by ecosystem disruption. Recently, the crisis has become worse as Natives and commercial harvesters have gone head-to-head over abalone and seaweed within a regulatory system that ignores the wisdom of Traditional Ecological Knowledge about how to manage the intertidal ecosystem. Indigenous leaders share their experiences on the frontlines of the battle to save our coasts, while fighting to maintain their cultural connections to these resources. Moderated by **Adae Romero-Bri-ones** (Cochiti Pueblo) Director of Programs, First Nations Development Institute. With: **Ilarion Merculieff** (Aleut), Global Center for Indigenous Leadership and Lifeways; **Leah Mata** (Northern Chumash), artist; **Hillary Renick** (Sherwood Valley Pomo), BIA Sacramento; **Jacob White Horse** (Northern Chumash/Rosebud Sioux) who interned with the U C Davis Marin Biology Lab’s abalone management research program.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership. Tell Your Story

**Jodie Geddes**, Community Organizing Coordinator of Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY), will hold space for youth to share their stories, with a focus on finding ways to help interrupt the tragic cycles of violence, incarceration and wasted lives that trap so many young people. We’ll also explore how these cycles are exacerbated by excessively punitive school discipline and unfair juvenile justice policies. RJOY promotes institutional shifts toward restorative approaches that engage families, communities and systems to repair harm and prevent juvenile re-offending.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

### 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 Bioneers Info Booth near the Central Lawn*

### Growing Our Evolved Self: Dissolving Like a Caterpillar, Evolving Like a Butterfly

All of us are constantly in a state of transition. Often, like a caterpillar in its larval stage, we cannot imagine our own most evolved future, and so we fight the necessary breakdown of our old and familiar patterns. In this workshop, we'll use the caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly as a template for exploring the transitions we humans need to make to become more evolved citizens on the planet. This outdoor session will include a half-hour solo walk on the grounds of the Marin Center in which we'll each ask natural beings for insights and then return to share our experiences in pairs and as a whole group. Facilitated by: **Polly Howells**, Jungian analyst and facilitator for the Pachamama Alliance's "Awakening the Dreamer" symposium; **Trebbe Johnson**, founder/director of Radical Joy for Hard Times.

*Location: Meet at the Hands-On Workshop Space*

### Intergenerational Activism: Working Together for Social Change/World Café

What are the pitfalls and possibilities, personally and for our movements, when we partner across generations? Join us for a series of participant-driven World Café conversations about how we can collaborate to shape the future by synergizing the unique gifts of all generations. The World Café provides a hospitable space for integration and reflection on what is emerging at the conference as well as for building partnerships of personal and professional value. Let's create tomorrow together! With: **Ashton Applewhite**,

**ThisChairRocks.com**; **Kristy Drutman**, The Brown Girl Green Show, CA Digital Campaign Organizer with 350.org. Hosted by: **David Shaw**, Santa Cruz Permaculture & UCSC Common Ground Center; **Amy Lenzo**, weDialogue & The World Cafe Community Foundation.

*Location: World Café*

### 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 **Lyla June**, a Diné/ Cheyenne poet and musician. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

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

### Organizing Strategies: How To Be Effective Activists

We've been seeing an outpouring of new energy in broad-based social and political mobilizations: Black Lives Matter; the Women's Marches; the extraordinary Never Again youth movement to curb gun violence; organizing to defend immigrants' rights; grassroots efforts to elect progressive candidates, and many more. Leading figures from different generations and very diverse and highly effective campaigns will share their strategies. With **May Boeve**, Executive Director, 350.org; **Jacqueline Garcel**, CEO of the Latino Community Foundation; **Cat Brooks**, co-founder of the Anti Police-Terror Project and Executive Director of the Justice Teams Network; **Edna Chavez**, March for Our Lives youth leader. Hosted by **Annie Leonard**, Executive Director of Greenpeace USA.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

## Global Festivals: Cutting Edges of a New Emerging Culture... or Escapism?

From Burning Man to Boom to Envision to Lightning in a Bottle and hundreds of others around the world, festival gatherings have become truly significant phenomena. Might the most conscious of these events be the harbingers of a new, far more joyous, compassionate, celebratory, less materialistic civilization? Or are these “temporary autonomous zones” merely escapist interludes that siphon off energy for real political change? What role do psychedelics play in these cultural experiments? Join a panel of leading figures in different aspects of “festival culture” to explore these and other questions. With: **Nicholas Powers**, Ph.D., a leading thinker on the intersection of psychedelics, race, cultural diversity and festival culture; **Natalie Metz**, ND, renowned naturopathic physician and professor of Integrative Health at CIIS; **Stephen Brooks**, a key organizer of the renowned Envision Festival, held annually in Costa Rica. Hosted by: **Erik Davis**, Ph.D., journalist, scholar of subcultures, host of the Expanding Mind podcast, author of: *Nomad Codes*, *Techgnosis*, and *The Visionary State: A Journey Through California’s Spiritual Landscape*.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## Regenerative Agriculture: State of the Art Practices

Regenerative Agriculture goes far beyond organic standards by also placing a strong emphasis on practices that boost soil health. It enhances the soil’s capacity to capture carbon and thereby helps mitigate climate change. It restores biodiversity above and below the ground, creating resilient farming systems that support ecosystems. With: **Doniga Markegard** of Markegard Family Grass-Fed in Pescadero, CA; **Paul and Elizabeth Kaiser** of Singing Frogs Farm, a remarkably productive-per-acre vegetable farm in Sebastopol, CA. Moderated by **Josh Whiton**, eco-tech entrepreneur, founder of MakeSoil.org.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

## Women Leading Environmental Action

*Co-sponsored with the Global Greengrants Fund*

We’re living at a critical moment for global climate change action, and women at the grassroots are increasingly leading efforts for real solutions all over the globe. Join **Terry Odendahl**, Ph.D., President/CEO of the Global Greengrants Fund; and **Cristi Nozawa**, a highly experienced Asia-based conservation activist and researcher, Executive Director of the Samdhana Institute, as they share stories of diverse women around the world who are leading a wide range of innovative grassroots climate solution initiatives while also fighting for human rights and positive social and environmental change.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## Growing a Living Future

*Hosted by The International Living Future Institute*

The International Living Future Institute (ILFI) is perhaps the world’s most visionary green think-and-do-tank “to lead and support the transformation toward communities that are socially just, culturally rich and ecologically restorative.” It runs a slew of leading-edge programs that radically push the envelope of eco-design, including: the Living Building, Living Community, and Living Product Challenges, Net Zero Energy Certification, the Cascadia Green Building Council, and Ecotone Publishing. This global network spanning nearly 30 countries is now driving the local adoption of restorative principles in their communities. Some of ILFI’s leading lights will explore the organization’s programs that are collectively pointing us towards a world of technologies, buildings and products that replenish rather than imperil Earth and its living creatures. Hosted by **Al Tozer**, Education and Living Building Challenge Director at the International Living Future Institute. With: **Tom Elliott**, co-developer of Desert Rain in Bend, OR, the world’s first “Living Building” certified project ever built; **Marti and Tom Burbeck**, co-developers of only the second certified “Living Building” in the world, connected to a permaculture farm.

*Location: Larkspur Room*



### Taking It To Court: Legal Strategies for the Environment and Human Rights

We're in the midst of a sea change in how we use the law and legal strategies to stand up for the rights of nature and human communities. Bold innovative approaches are managing to simultaneously create and ride a wave of progressive action. Courageous attorneys are mounting legal challenges against the U.S. government on behalf of young people. Municipalities, counties and states are filing suits against fossil fuel companies. Stalwart legal advocacy organizations continue their missions of defending communities and natural systems whose voices would otherwise go unheard. Hosted by **Jason Mark**, Editor of *Sierra Magazine*. With: **Kate Sears**, Marin County Supervisor; **Abigail Dillen**, Vice President of Litigation for Climate and Energy at Earthjustice; **Coreal Riday-White**, J.D., Community Engagement Manager for Our Children's Trust.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

### Art, Power and Social Change

Drawing on the modalities of theater, play, writing, storytelling and collaboration, this experiential workshop will offer community members, educators, activists and organizers the tools for engaging their constituencies and leveraging the stories that so often go untold in our communities. Sourcing the collective wisdom and collaborative power in the room, this workshop will use art and embodiment to create a safe space for radical self-reflection, systems analysis, community building and articulating visions for change. Led by: **Samara Gaev**, activist/educator/performer, founder of Truthworker Theatre Company; and friends.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

### Indigenous Forum. Mni-Winconi: We Are Here to Protect Our Rivers.

The Lakota phrase "Mní wičhóni" ("Water is life") was the protest anthem from Standing Rock heard around the world, but it also has a spiritual meaning rooted in Indigenous worldviews. For Native Americans, water does not only sustain life—it is sacred. How can Natives create cross-cultural understanding

for a river's rights to protection? How do we help guarantee such "rights of nature" in mainstream jurisprudence? As we take leadership roles in restoring our rivers, how do we blend our Traditional Ecological Knowledge with contemporary science? Tribal leaders working to restore riparian ecosystems will explore cutting-edge Indigenous approaches to watershed management and restoration. Moderated by **Cara Romero** (Chemehuevi), Director Bioneers Indigeneity Program; and featuring **Caleen Sisk** (Wintu), **Josephine Mandamin** (Anishinaabe), **Waniya Locke** (Ahtna Dene/Dakota/Lakota/Anishinaabe), and **Carrie "CC" Curley** (San Carlos Apache).

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

### Youth Leadership. Dreaming the Queer Ecological Future

Why is it that for centuries we LGBTQ people have been called "unnatural" or "crimes against nature" when we are as completely part of nature as all other living beings? Come join us for a participatory, immersive exploration of: gender and sexual diversity on this planet; the healing powers of plant allies; and storytelling practices that highlight resilience in both the human and non-human worlds. Together, we'll reclaim our place as forces of nature within diverse social ecosystems, and we'll dream together of a queer ecological future where all beings can exist in harmony and peace. With: **Orion Camero**, visual storytelling educator and community organizer affiliated with the Beehive Design Collective; **Vanessa Raditz**, farmer, environmental educator, co-founder of the Queer Ecojustice Project collective.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

### Community of Mentors

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 permaculturist **Trathen Heckman**, founder of Daily Acts. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

## FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS WITH FILMMAKERS

7:00-10:30PM

Location: Showcase Theater

### 7:00pm - Changing of the Gods.

We'll screen two episodes-in-progress from the forthcoming 10-episode film series produced, written and co-directed by Bioneers founder Kenny Ausubel. The series is a visionary exploration of cycles of revolution and social transformation across history landing us in the "fierce urgency of now," and of the nature of consciousness itself. It's based on "Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View" by cultural historian, scholar and astrologer Richard Tarnas, co-directed by Louie Schwartzberg, produced with Bill Benenson and features John Cleese of Monty Python fame. Introduction by **Kenny Ausubel**.

### 8:35pm - From Clenched Fist to Compassion

*From Clenched Fist to Compassion* is a short documentary about how Samara Gaev's youth theater company Truthworker is interacting with convicted murderer Jarvis Masters, a Buddhist author, and how that relationship has informed their theater work and their lives. Introduction by Director **Samara Gaev**.

### 9:00pm - Award-Winning 2018 Short Films from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Bioneers is delighted to be able to present some of this year's best short films from our friends and allies at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival: *Imagination; Dragging 235 lbs uphill both ways; Conservation Generation; A Letter to Congress, Naturally Selected; During the Drought; Nobody Dies in Longyearbyen; and Mothered by Mountains*. Introduced by **Theresa Huck**, On Tour Sales Manager of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. For more information about the films: [www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/2018-award-winning-films-announced/](http://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/2018-award-winning-films-announced/)



## FRIDAY NIGHT

6:15pm

### Crescent Moon Theater Productions presents Julia's Travels

Crescent Moon, a cutting-edge, socially engaged troupe founded by artist, performer and theater producer/director Polina Smith, uses vibrant dance, theater, music, circus arts and spirited storytelling to offer us a powerful environmental fable that explores humanity's connection to nature and our hopes and dreams for the future.

Location: Youth Unity Center\*

\* NOTE: Though this is being held at the Youth Unity Center tent, it's an adult oriented show. Nothing in it is inappropriate for children, but the storyline may be hard to follow for the very young.

9:00pm

### Caroline Casey: Democratic Animism Now! (Co-Operators are standing by!)

The one-and-only "Chief Trickster" at Coyote Network News (the "mythological news service") and renowned "weaver of context" for the immensely popular Visionary Activist Show on Pacifica Network radio for the past 23 years, who has been rocking Bioneers audiences for 20, returns to drop her wisdom about how we can tune into our "Trickster Mind" to bring our rogue species back into cooperation with Nature's guiding genius, and, despite the odds, dream together to find a unifying story and build a world we can truly love.

Location: Exhibit Hall

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

### 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 and Joshua Fouts

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

### REBECCA MOORE Earth's Vital Signs: Using Big Data to Map Solutions

*Introduction by Joshua Fouts,  
Bioneers Executive Director*

Google Earth Outreach founder and visionary engineer Rebecca Moore says the signs are all around us, telling us that our life-support systems are in critical condition, and only recently has it become possible to monitor the health of Earth's life-sustaining resources in a manner both globally consistent and locally relevant. She's showing how satellite data, cutting-edge science and powerful cloud computing technology such as Google Earth Engine allow us to achieve an unprecedented understanding of our changing environment and put this data into the hands of those who can take action. Combined with Google Earth's new narrative storytelling tool, grassroots activists, communities and other environmental change-makers can now vividly show what's at stake, and envision solutions in ways that can change hearts and minds, while guiding wiser decision-making to protect and restore our vast, fragile planet.

### JUSTIN WINTERS One Earth: Envisioning a Future where Humanity and Nature Coexist and Thrive

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel,  
Bioneers CEO and founder*

With contributions from scientists and partners around the world, One Earth, an initiative of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation (LDF),

has developed a bold, new plan to avert a climate crisis and protect our biosphere. Justin Winters, LDF's Executive Director, explains the three goals humanity needs to achieve by 2050: Transform our energy systems to 100% clean, renewable energy; Protect, connect and restore 50% of our lands and seas;



*Ceibo Alliance Leadership Team—Amazon Guardians*

and Shift to regenerative, carbon-negative agriculture globally. At the heart of this effort is a new map of the world called the Global Safety Net, which shows what the world could look like if we achieve these three goals. This vision of a world where both nature and humanity coexist and thrive can only be achieved if activists and communities around the world are connected and strengthened with the resources and solutions to make this global transformation a reality. One Earth is accelerating this transformation through innovative science, radical tools for collaboration, and creative storytelling that will inspire and galvanize our society into action.

### The Ceibo Alliance Leadership Team: EMERGILDO CRIOLLO, HERNAN PAYAGUAJE, ALICIA SALAZAR AND NEMONTE NENQUIMO Guardians of the Forest on the Frontlines in the Amazon

*Introduction by Cara Romero,  
Bioneers Indigeneity Program Director*

In response to catastrophic assaults on their lands and cultures by corporate industrial civilization, the First Peoples of the Amazon have formed unprecedented alliances to protect lands and peoples. These four extraordinary



Indigenous leaders, who help guide the Ceibo Alliance of several ancestral peoples of Ecuador's northern Amazon, have traveled far from their homes to share their stories of resistance and solutions. They will offer guiding wisdom from their elders to show what's at stake for their rainforest territories, what it means to the future of our planet, and what we can all do as allies to protect the Amazon, its First Peoples and life on Earth.

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

**Third Annual Biomimicry Global Design Challenge Ray of Hope Prize**

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

**KEVIN POWELL  
Re-defining Manhood: A Message to Men, to Boys, to Us All**

*Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder*

In this brutally honest and provocative talk, Kevin Powell offers his own life journey to illustrate how we can transform our concepts of manhood. Raised by a single mother in the inner city, Kevin's rites of passage were typical of many heterosexual males: sports, violence, and viewing women and girls as mother figures or sexual objects, and nothing more. This view of women and girls exploded when, in his early 20s, he pushed a girlfriend into a bathroom door during an argument. Decades later, thanks to years of therapy, study, healing, and a commitment to growth and change, Kevin has become a solution-oriented writer, activist and speaker seeking to re-define manhood around nonviolence, peace, love, healthy self-expression, and as an ally to women and people of all gender identities.

**Youth Leadership Keynote:  
EDNA CHAVEZ**

**We Are The Future: Youth Power & Community Activism**

This inspiring 18-year old activist from South Central Los Angeles, who has lost many friends and family member to gun violence, was a key participant in the March for Our Lives event and has become a leading gun control advocate and voter registration organizer.

**GAR ALPEROVITZ  
Why We Need A Next System**

*Introduction by Kenny Ausubel,  
Bioneers CEO and founder*

As ecological and economic justice movements hit the same hard limits of possibility, being realistic in our time in history means getting serious about what might have formerly been seen as impossible: actually replacing our broken corporate capitalist system. Gar Alperovitz, co-founder of the Democracy Collaborative and co-chair of its Next System Project, will show how we can begin to build together for the systemic change we need to save both democracy and the planet. As a political economist, author, former legislative director in the House and Senate, nonprofit innovator and scholar, Gar will share breakthrough models for community-based political-economic development and new institutions of community wealth ownership. He'll highlight local, state and national policy approaches to community stability in the era of globalization that really work and can spread widely.

**SATURDAY LUNCHTIME  
1:15-2:30PM**

**Singing Circle with Noe Venable  
Digging Deep, Rising Strong:  
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 gifted music educator **Noe Venable**, we'll learn songs from a wide variety of cultures and times 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: Community of Mentors*

## Lunch with an Elder

**Tom Goldtooth**, Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, will share Indigenous principles for a Just Transition to a clean, sustainable economy and practical, grassroots ways to affirm and restore Indigenous life-ways as we transition from a destructive, fossil fuel based economy to self-determined Indigenous futures. This will be an informal and interactive event inviting dialogue and Q&A with the audience.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## 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 that are accessible to all!

*Location: SolutionCraft booth*

## Trashion Show! (1:50pm)

Truckee High's Envirolution Club, led by **Missy Mohler**, steals the show every year, turning trash into high fashion with a serious environmental message.

*Location: Central Lawn*

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

### One Earth: Envisioning Eden 2.0 in 2050

What is the world we want to see in 2050 and how do we manifest it? That is the question posed by One Earth, a visionary new initiative from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation (LDF). Developed in partnership with

a diverse, world-class circle of scientists, thought leaders, and social influencers, One Earth paints a global vision for an abundant and thriving planet. Imagine a not-so-distant future: Earth is a thriving wilderness dotted by green cities with clean air, fresh water, and healthy food for all; Indigenous peoples are the stewards of vast forests and grasslands; regenerative farming has restored the world's soils; the world's oceans are once again brimming with life; and governments now fully understand there is no GDP without a healthy, balanced biosphere. **Justin Winters**, LDF's Executive Director, hosts a panel of visionary change-makers who will show how a clear vision of what's possible can make this Eden 2.0 a reality.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

### How to Build an Alternative to Our Current System

Drawing on the experience of organizers working across the country to create the institutions of the next system, this panel, hosted by **Gar Alperovitz**, co-founder of the Democracy Collaborative and co-chair of its Next System Project, will explore the connections between environmental action and the democratic economy. How can local efforts at different scales—the workplace, the community, the city, state, and beyond—be knitted together into a powerful movement to build towards a truly systemic national and global alternative? With: **Kali Akuno**, co-founder and Co-Director, Cooperation Jackson (Jackson, Mississippi); **Niki Okuk**, founder of Rco Tires, one of California's largest sustainability enterprises; **Aaron Tanaka**, Director of the Center for Economic Democracy; **Ellen Brown**, founder of the Public Banking Institute, author of *Web of Debt* and *The Public Bank Solution*.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Somatics, Trauma Healing and Social Change

**Staci K. Haines**, the founder of "Generative Somatics," has integrated her extensive experience in both transforming individual and social trauma and in grassroots movements

into uniquely powerful work that has proven to be incredibly helpful to a wide range of social justice activists, many of whom have been deeply hurt by oppression or violence. Leaders from cutting-edge groups, including **Prentis Hemphill** of Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity (BOLD), **Raquel Lavina** from the National Domestic Workers Alliance, will share how they have been able to successfully integrate embodied transformation into their social change work.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## **Building Community: An Interactive Biomimicry Workshop**

Biomimicry is a design science and philosophy that draws inspiration from nature. In this session with leading Certified Biomimicry Professionals, we'll discover nature's strategies through interactive, hands-on exercises; approaches that can inspire us to collaborate, learn, share, influence, and self-organize in new ways. Working in teams, we will explore how those strategies and lessons can be applied to help us generate naturally sustainable communities. With: **Peggy H. Chu**, MS, AIA, LEED AP, Architect; **Rachel MW Hahs**, MS ENV SP, Sustainability Professional; **Diana Hammer**, MPH, MS, Life Scientist, Biomimicry Collaborative.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## **Making Media with Impact: Telling True Stories to Change the World**

Despite the ever growing tsunami of TV shows, films, books, podcasts, blogs/vlogs, etc. being loosed on the world daily, it is still possible to create work that has a profound impact, sometimes even a game-changing influence, on public opinion, if one knows how to penetrate to the core of an issue and to communicate that essence by highlighting compelling real-life stories. Some of our nation's most exemplary, effective engaged media-makers share their experiences and tips. With: **Ellen Schneider**, Director/Founder of Active Voice; **Amy Korngiebel**, Director of Distribution for the progressive documentary company, Brave New Films, and an Emmy and Peabody award-winning producer; **Andrew**

**Revkin**, Strategic Adviser for Environmental and Science Journalism at the National Geographic Society. Hosted by **Jeremy Kagan**, award-winning director/producer, USC film professor, founder of the Change-Making Media Lab, former Artistic Director at the Sundance Institute.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## **Evolutionary Plant Breeding: Breeding Crops for Climate Change**

In the face of an increasingly unstable climate and the continued collapse of global agricultural biodiversity, the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center (OAEC) has engaged in a project involving mixing and planting together over 2,000 varieties of bread-wheat from all over the world in a process called "Evolutionary Plant Breeding." The goals of this ambitious project are to: create unique, place-adapted, resilient mixtures of our most important food crops; increase agricultural biodiversity; put seed-breeding back into the hands of farmers and gardeners; and generate a seed supply that can thrive in a changing climate. With: **Mark Schapiro**, investigative environmental journalist, lecturer at UC Berkeley's School of Journalism, author of *Seeds of Resistance*; **Cooper Freeman**, OAEC's Program Manager; **Leonard Diggs**, Manager of SRJC Shone Farm, a 365-acre self-sustaining college farm. Hosted by **Arty Mangan**, Director of Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Program.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## **Joven Noble con Palabra: A Healing Cultural Rites of Passage Model for Adolescent Males of Color**

*Co-sponsored by the National Compadres Network*

The National Compadres Network has developed a powerfully effective Cultural Rites of Passage model—*Joven Noble con Palabra*, a curriculum for boys and men of color based on the transformational healing philosophy—La Cultura Cura. The program provides youth with a safe place to discuss their personal experiences and with positive adult male mentors who can show them how to maintain healthy connections with other people.



In this interactive session for those working with at-risk youth who may want to incorporate aspects of this model, we will explore: the particular issues and traumas boys and men of color face and how these impact their lives and behaviors; and how to use evidence-based practical tools to connect with and help these young men heal their wounds and thrive. With: **Ariel Jimenez**, Program Coordinator, National Compadres Network; **Ysenia Sepulveda**, Training and Technical Assistant Specialist, National Compadres Network.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

### **Indigenous Forum. Native People's "Just Transition" to Clean Energy**

With immense untapped resources on their lands, First Peoples are at the razor's edge of development of both clean and dirty energy, and they are also the first to experience the effects of climate change. Learn how Indigenous Peoples are leading the way in a "just transition" from a fossil fuel to a clean power economy, as we explore innovative approaches guided by traditional values. Leaders from rural and urban Indigenous communities will share practical strategies they have used to move away from fossil fuel dependence. Moderated by **Eriel Deranger** (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation) Executive Director of Indigenous Climate Action, and featuring **AlexAnna Salmon** (Yup'ik) Village Council President Igiugig and Pebble Advisory Committee, Bristol Bay Native Corporation; and **Melina Laboucan Massimo** (Lubicon Cree First Nation), David Suzuki Foundation Research Fellow.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

### **Youth Leadership. Beats, Rhymes, and Life Workshop**

In this interactive workshop, youth will learn how to express themselves through hip-hop while developing skills in critical thinking, pro-social expression, conflict resolution and positive peer relationship-building. Participants will also have the opportunity to record their songs and spoken word pieces on site. With: **Rob Jackson**, Oakland-based community leader, educator, hip-hop artist, founder/

Executive Director of Beats, Rhymes and Life—a leading group in the emerging field of Hip Hop Therapy.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

### **All About Chocolate**

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

*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. Embody a more vibrant, graceful presence as you move through your life.

*Location: Meet at Bioneers Info Booth near the Central Lawn*

### **Radical Environmental Activism: Finding Beauty in the Broken Places/World Café**

Trebbe Johnson's global initiative, Radical Joy for Hard Times, is based on the idea that making beauty can be an act of resistance. Every year people all over the planet go to "wounded" places they love and listen deeply to the land and to one another before leaving behind a gift of beauty. Join us to explore practices and attitudes that can help us make sense of the pain and wounding we see in the world and begin to move toward

radical healing, together. With: **Polly Howells**, ReclaimingOurLives.org; **Trebbe Johnson**, RadicalJoyForHardTimes.org. Hosted by: **Amy Lenzo**, weDialogue & The World Cafe Community Foundation.

*Location: World Café*

## Drawdown Marin

Drawdown Marin is a community-wide campaign to dramatically and systemically reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions, doing our part locally to slow the impacts of global climate change by becoming a “fossil-free” county. Come meet engaged community members and learn how we can all—residents, businesses, organizations, and municipalities—work together to contribute to this effort. There will be a presentation followed by breakout groups. With: representatives from **Sustainable Marin**, **Resilient Neighborhoods**, **Marin Clean Energy**, and others.

*Location: Tiburon Room*

## Community of Mentors

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*Location: Community of Mentors*

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

### From the Ground to the Cloud: New Solutions and Mapping Tools

Digital maps, when they are well designed and used ethically, hold the power to help bring context to complex environmental and humanitarian issues and to move the needle on some of our most pressing challenges. Come learn about leading-edge tools and platforms that are bringing together technology, data and human networks to mobilize faster and more effective stewardship of our

environment. With: **Rebecca Moore**, founder of Google Earth Outreach and Google Engine; **David Kroodsma**, Research Director at Global Fishing Watch; **Madhusudan Mysore**, Ph.D, who manages the India-based Nature Conservation Foundation; and **Eric Dinerstein**, Director of WildTech and the Biodiversity and Wildlife Solutions Program at RESOLVE, former Chief Scientist at the World Wildlife Fund. Hosted by **Andrew Revkin**, Strategic Adviser for Environmental and Science Journalism at the National Geographic Society, one of the nation’s most experienced environmental and scientific reporters and authors.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Healing and Recovering Sacred Manhood

As serial examples of abuses by men in positions of power reveal, much more is needed to address the issues of true equality between the genders and a society safe for all its members to bring forth their greatest gifts, whatever their gender identities. To reach that goal requires a profound cultural shift in our current concepts of manhood. Men of all ages and ethnicities will need to boldly explore, heal, and embrace new and ancient models of masculinity that reflect a strength rooted in loving compassion and wisdom rather than aggression or violence. Join us for a conversation as three men who grew up challenged by prevalent ideals of masculinity to later grow into voices for sacred manhood share their experiences. Hosted by Bioneers’ co-founder **Nina Simons**. With: **Kevin Powell**, writer, activist, co-founder of BK Nation, acclaimed author of 13 books, including his autobiography, *The Education of Kevin Powell: A Boy’s Journey into Manhood*; **Jerry Tello**, author of *Healing the Wounded Male Spirit*, co-founder of the National Compadres Network, who has 40+ years’ experience working on transformational healing with inner city boys and men and war veterans; **Zachary Draves**, student activist, domestic violence community educator, Chair of the Subcommittee on Race in College Athletics.

*Location: Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium*

## One Word: “Plastics”

The pace, scale and impact of plastic pollution have exploded. Half of all plastic ever created has come into existence in the past decade. The impacts on ocean life, human health and the entire biosphere are vast and growing. Solutions need to be surfaced, rapidly researched and scaled. Join representatives from three of the world’s leading groups actively engaged in mounting a response equal to the size of the challenge. With: **Conrad MacKerron**, Senior Vice President of As You Sow; **Shilpi Chhotray**, Senior Communications Officer for the global #BreakFreeFromPlastic movement. Hosted by **Anna Cummins**, co-founder and Global Strategy Director of 5 Gyres.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## What We Can Learn from South Africa’s Legendary White Lions

Some especially charismatic animals have often been viewed as archetypally important or linked to prophetic teachings by Indigenous cultures. This is true of the White Bison among some tribes on the Great Plains, British Columbia’s “Spirit Bear” and South Africa’s White Lions. World renowned conservationist **Linda Tucker** and leading lion ecologist **Jason Turner**, who together created the Global White Lion Protection Trust, will explain how this rare species has helped bring together cutting-edge modern ecology with Indigenous ancestral wisdom to help heal ecosystems and divides of race, tribe, gender and culture, reaching to the very origin of humankind’s contract with Earth. They’ll also share what these extraordinary creatures can teach us about our own capacity for leadership.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## Visionary Science Fiction: An Imagination Training for Activists with Climbing PoeTree

“All organizing is science fiction. We are creating a world we have never seen.”- Adrienne Maree Brown. Can poetry, storytelling, and progressive science fiction help us re-write the future we are heading into? This interactive workshop with the renowned poets, artists, educators, activists and dazzling spoken-word performing duo **Climbing PoeTree** will help

us train our visionary muscles as we imagine life 100 years from now to visualize how we humans can adapt to the intense challenges we are facing, and evolve in positive ways on a changing planet. We’ll collaborate to create sci-fi plots and scenarios that speculate about how a growing solutionary resistance will be able to address the social and environmental problems confronting us and create a world we would all want to live in. As Climbing PoeTree says, “Art is our Weapon, Our Medicine, Our Voice, Our Vision.”

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## Bits, Bots, & Our Biome: Technology and Tech Power

Technology shapes how we live and how we understand ourselves as humans, but who is holding the reins? Some leading tech-savvy activists wrestle with how technology and the tech sector are radically re-shaping the distribution of power and life on our planet. They’ll explore strategies and structural and cultural interventions we can use to try to leverage and hold accountable the power of technology, so it can actually serve the common good. Hosted by **Lindley Mease** co-founder/Co-Director of Blue Heart, which organizes tech millennial donors to give to frontline organizations. With: **Richard Stallman**, founder/President of the Free Software Foundation, author of *Free Software, Free Society*; **Malkia A. Cyril**, founder/Executive Director of the Center for Media Justice, co-founder, Media Action Grassroots Network; **Gopal Dayaneni**, longtime activist, currently on the boards of the ETC Group, The Ruckus Society and the Center for Story-based Strategy.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## Embodied Restoration: Rebalancing the Sacred Masculine and Feminine

**Clare DuBois**, founder of TreeSisters, leads a powerful journey into the embodied experience of human wholeness. We will delve into an archetypal exploration of our own inner sacred geometry and become part of a collective rebalancing designed to activate our innate, instinctual intelligence. Discover a felt relationship to the feminine



and masculine archetypes within you – it’s truly transformative.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## **Indigenous Forum. Beyond Sovereignty: New Solutions for Self-Determination**

Despite its widespread use in Indian country, the concept of “sovereignty” is often misunderstood and misused. Derived from 16th Century political theory, sovereignty has, in the context of Native American peoples in the U.S., come to mean the right of federally recognized tribes to self-govern as nations within the broader entity of the United States. In this provocative workshop, Native community leaders and scholars will explore how tribes might begin to go beyond conventional applications of sovereignty to include food sovereignty beyond farming, economic sovereignty beyond gaming, and environmental sovereignty beyond current legal systems. With: **Suzan Shown Harjo**; (Cheyenne/Hodulgee Muscogee), activist/policy maker; invited guest **Carletta Tilousi**, (Havasupai), Tribal Council Member. Moderated by **Michael Johnson** (Arikara/Hidatsa/Ojibwe), Assistant Director of Development at Native American Rights Fund.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## **Youth Leadership. Poetry Slam**

Share your original work and catch “epic ripples” of inspiration from young poets at this spoken-word open forum hosted by **Jada Imani** of Tau Vison and Youth Speaks.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## **Permaculture Meetup: Cross Pollination, Collaboration and Integration**

California has one of the most active permaculture communities in the world. Come connect with permies and projects, continue the conversation from permaculture sessions at the conference and learn exciting news from the Northern CA Permaculture Convergence this month. With: **David Shaw**, Santa Cruz Permaculture & UCSC Common Ground Center; and special guests TBA.

*Location: World Café*

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*Location: Community of Mentors*

## **SATURDAY NIGHT FILMS WITH FILMMAKERS**

**7:00-10:30PM**

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### **7:00pm - Symbiotic Earth: How Lynn Margulis rocked the boat and started a scientific revolution**

We’ll show excerpts from this dazzling new feature-length documentary by director John Feldman. The film beautifully paints a portrait of the incredibly influential late scientist and teacher, Lynn Margulis, who seeded a monumental paradigm shift in biology that affects how we look at ourselves, evolution and our planet - from the Gaia Hypothesis to bacteria as the origin of all species (“it’s all relatives”). Introduction by Director **John Feldman**.

### **8:20pm - Walk on the Mountain**

Walk on the Mountain, directed by Will Gregg and Eddie Mostert, highlights the work of Junior Walk, a dedicated, passionate activist in West Virginia who has dedicated his life to exposing the ravages caused by the coal industry and has spoken at Bioneers.

### **8:50pm - Water Warriors**

Water Warriors is a new short film by Michael Premo about a successful community uprising! When a Texas energy company began searching for natural gas in New Brunswick, Canada, Indigenous and white families united to drive out the company in a campaign to protect their water and way of life.

## 9:30pm - The Fuller Challenge

The Fuller Challenge (a film by Whirlwind Creative, Inc. produced in partnership with the Arnow Family Fund) explores the impact and legacy of the Buckminster Fuller Challenge, a groundbreaking prize competition that, in its ten-year trajectory (until 2017) was widely recognized as “socially responsible design’s highest award.” Many of the Challenge’s winners and finalists featured in the film, including John Todd, Bren Smith, Jason McClennan and Jody Holmes, have spoken here at Bioneers over the years, and a Bioneers project, Dreaming New Mexico, was the Challenge runner-up in 2009. Introduction by **Elizabeth Thompson** and **J.P. Harpignies**.

## 10:10pm - Open Source Stories:

### The Science of Collective Discovery

This story of how citizen scientists are making groundbreaking discoveries using open hardware in their own backyards celebrates how community, grassroots creativity and a free exchange of ideas can help citizens participate in scientific research, protect their environments and fight for their rights.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

### 6:30pm

#### Seed Exchange

Seeds are our future. Share open-pollinated seeds to help conserve the living botanical treasure of biodiversity. Hosted by these expert seed savers: **Occidental Arts and Ecology Center**, **Tesuque Pueblo Tribal Farm**, **Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library**, and **The Living Seed Company**.

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

### 7:30pm

#### Bioneers Awards Dinner

Join **Kenny Ausubel**, **Nina Simons**, **Joshua Fouts** and the Bioneers community of leadership for a rousing celebration and mythic meal (designed by **Chef Scott LaCrosse** with food provided by conscious companies supplying fresh, local, sustainably grown produce) to honor these true Bioneers heroes and sheroes: **Patrisse Cullors**; **Jacqueline Garcel**; **Gar**



*Patrisse Cullors – Author, Artist, Organizer*

**Alperovitz**; Ecuador’s Ceibo Alliance leaders: **Emergildo Criollo**, **Hernan Payaguaje**, **Alicia Salazar**, **Nemonte Nenquimo** and their ally and partner, **Mitch Anderson**, founder of Amazon Frontlines; **Kevin Powell**; **Edna Chavez**. Separate admission: \$90.

*Location: Ballroom, Embassy Suites*

## 9:30PM - MIDNIGHT

### Saturday Night Dance Party— with multiple DJs!

From 9:35pm-10pm **Aaron Ableman** will play songs from his new **Alive and Awake** project, combining hip-hop, reggae and spoken word storytelling. And from 10pm to midnight the legendary **B-side Brujas**, an all-women DJ collective dedicated to nurturing a more inclusive nightlife community, rock the house. Also: Tarot readings and face painting!

*Location: Exhibit Hall*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

### 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 and Joshua Fouts

**Opening Remarks** by Joshua Fouts,  
Bioneers Executive Director

### ASHTON APPLEWHITE We Are All Aging, So Let's End Ageism

*Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder*

What's a surefire way to make activism more effective? Make it intergenerational. What's the biggest obstacle? An ageist culture that pits old against young and bombards us with messages that wrinkles are tragic and old people useless. Aging is not a problem to be "fixed" or a disease to be "cured." It's a natural lifelong process that unites us all, and a world that's better to grow old in is better for everyone. Debunking myth after myth about late life, author and activist Ashton Applewhite passionately urges us to come together at all ages - and dismantle ageism in the process.

### ALEX EATON Tribe of the New Flame: Smallholder Farmers as Climate Change and Food Security Leaders

*Introduction by JP Harpignies,  
Bioneers Senior Producer*

Alex Eaton, co-founder of Sistema Biobolsa, will share how this groundbreaking social business is creating a movement toward regenerative agricultural practices among small farmers in Latin America, East Africa and India. He'll illustrate how small farmers around the world can work together to increase global food production, while turning their farms, homes and soils into carbon sinks by using waste-to-energy technology, capacity building

and innovative financing. Because small farmers still produce 80% of the world's food, their survival is crucial to mitigating the effects of climate change, protecting biodiversity and preserving social stability in many countries. Alex will show how Sistema Biobolsa's unique scaleable approach addresses climate change, food security, and poverty around the world by engaging "smallholders."

### PATRISSE CULLORS Women of the Movement for Black Lives

*Introduction by Sonali Sangeeta Balajee, founder of The Bodhi Project, former Senior Fellow with HIFIS Berkeley*

Patrisse Cullors, a performance artist and award-winning organizer from Los Angeles, is one of the most effective and influential movement builders of our era. She was a key figure in the fight to force the creation of the first civilian oversight commission of LA's Sheriff's Department, but is most widely known as one of the three original co-founders of Black Lives Matter and for her recent, best-selling book, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*. She will explore: the contributions women have made to the movement for Black lives historically and in the present; the institutional racism that still permeates our society, causing mass incarceration and high rates of maternal mortality in African American communities; and the diverse ways women have been criminalized and have fought back to change the course of history.

### INTRINSIC: A Performance by CLIMBING POETREE

These two Brooklyn-based poets-artists-activists-educators-musicians-performers may be the most brilliant socially engaged spoken word duo in the known universe. They'll perform material from their recent kickass album, *Intrinsic*.

### Youth Leadership Keynote: CHARLIE JIANG Climate Change Activism and a New American Dream

Climate change, racism, and rising inequality

threaten our communities. Charlie Jiang, a son of immigrants and a leading SustainUS youth delegate to the 2017 United Nations climate negotiations, will offer a vision of active hope, arguing that out of the compounding crises we face, we have a singular opportunity to mend the wounds of our past and usher in a brighter future.

### ELIZABETH DWOSKIN

#### Live Suicides, Russian Meddling, #Parkland: What We've Learned About Tech Giants in The Last Year

*Introduction by Joshua Fouts, Bioneers Executive Director*

Elizabeth Dwoskin, the Washington Post's Silicon Valley correspondent, is that paper's eyes and ears in the world of tech. For the past six years, she has covered the rise of data-hungry technology companies, online conspiracies, and Russian meddling on social media. She was part of the team that broke over a dozen stories on Russian operatives' use of Facebook, Twitter, and Google to influence the 2016 presidential election. She'll shine a light on our growing awareness of the dark side of Silicon Valley, and how that awareness is reshaping public policy, our understanding of democracy, and the way tech is used and built.

### LYLA JUNE

#### Nihimá Nahasdzaáin: Healing Women and Nature Through a Diné (Navajo) Lens

*Introduction by Nina Simons, Bioneers co-founder*

Lyla June — poet, musician, anthropologist, educator, public speaker and community organizer of Diné, Cheyenne and European lineages — has inspired audiences around the world with a message of personal, collective and ecological healing. Drawing from her studies in Human Ecology and the traditional ancestral Diné worldview with which she grew up, she'll explore the links between environmental destruction and "rape culture" and how we can heal and transform ourselves and our society. Lyla will delve into how the healing of women can unleash the healing of men and how we have to heal humanity to heal the Earth. She'll share paradigm-shifting

techniques from the heart of the hogan that help mend the broken heart of the Western world.

**Closing Remarks** by Kenny Ausubel, Nina Simons, Joshua Fouts

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

## SUNDAY LUNCHTIME SESSION, 1:15-2:30PM

### Indigenous Forum. IBEX Puppetry Presents: Performances of: Harmonious Migrations and Lhamo Trung Trung

Join Heather Henson, Jason Gullo Mullins (South Eastern Cherokee) and Tsering Choedron (Tibetan) for two educational puppetry performances centered on the interconnectivity among endangered Whooping and Black Neck Cranes and the environments and Indigenous communities through which they migrate. After the performances, join the creators for a conversation about how they've approached creating and performing these traditional and contemporary stories.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

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

### Bridging 'ism' Schisms: Reaching Out Across Divides

Our race, faith, gender, orientation, age and ability often shape where we live, whom we know, the resources to which we have access, and how people perceive us. The stories we tell ourselves about our similarities and differences shape our life choices, and, far too often, different "isms" are used to divide us. How can we use our differences to make us all stronger? What strategies can we use to build bridges and work together for positive change? The future of our society depends on how we address those questions. Hosted by: **Sonali Sangeeta Balajee**, founder of The Bodhi Project and former Senior Fellow with HIFIS Berkeley. With: **Ashton Applewhite**,



author of *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*; **Lyla June**, Native American poet, musician, anthropologist, educator and community organizer; **Sarah Crowell**, Artistic Director of Destiny Arts Center.

*Location: Veterans' Memorial Auditorium*

## **The Perils and Promise of Tech: Elizabeth Dwoskin in conversation with Bioneers Executive Director Joshua Fouts**

We are living in an age of dizzying technological change, especially in the domains of electronic communications, artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, data collection and genetics. The admittedly remarkable new capacities provided by tech were initially heralded with utopian predictions of their transformative effects, but we have increasingly been seeing their much darker aspects – their critical role in the erosion of individual privacy and democracy, the heightening of social atomization and alienation, and the vulnerability of all our major systems to cyberattack have become ever more glaringly obvious. Few people are better equipped to help us make sense of what to make of these rapidly evolving crises than **Elizabeth Dwoskin**, the Washington Post's Silicon Valley correspondent, one of the nation's premiere reporters on the world of tech. She will be interviewed by Bioneers Executive Director **Joshua Fouts**.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

## **Soul of WoMen: Restoring Harmony and Balance Between the Feminine and Masculine**

In a world so divided and intensely polarized, how can we restore balance between the feminine and masculine energies within each of us and in our society? How can we return to wholeness and give full expression to our innate potential, in service to humanity and the whole web of life? Visionary women leaders from East and West share their insights and experiences in an interactive panel that will include meditation, sound and other sacred practices. Hosted by **Barbara Fields**, Executive Director of The Association for

Global New Thought. With: **Masami Saionji**, Japanese spiritual leader and peace activist; **Izumi Masukawa**, Ph.D. in Nutrition and Bio-electronics; **Lynne Twist**, co-founder of Pachamama Alliance.

*Location: Santa Rosa Room*

## **Revisoning Education with Eco- Literacy and Social Justice in Mind**

Legendary educator David Orr says that all education is environmental education by what it includes or excludes. If we're to surmount the daunting challenges facing us and build a thriving "green," fairer and more compassionate civilization, transforming how we educate our youth may well be the single most important task facing us. Luckily, there are at all levels of the educational system a growing number of heartening, inspiring initiatives working to incorporate ecological literacy, sustainability, justice and equity in both curricula and in the governance of pedagogic institutions. With: **Cynthia Selin**, Associate Professor at ASU's School of Sustainability; **Shakti Butler**, founder and President of World Trust. Hosted by **Karen Cowe**, CEO of Ten Strands, which works to teach environmental literacy to all California K12 students.

*Location: Manzanita Room*

## **Farmacology: Soil, Health and Medicine**

**Daphne Miller**, MD, had long suspected that human wellbeing and how our food is produced are intimately linked. She visited and studied seven innovative family farms around the country on a quest to discover the hidden connections between how we grow our food and our health, and she published her findings in *Farmacology: Total Health from the Ground Up* (also the basis for the award-winning documentary *In Search of Balance*). Joining Daphne to discuss how farming techniques from seed choice to soil management have a direct impact on our health will be: **Timothy J. LaSalle**, Ph.D., co-founder and Co-Director of the Regenerative Agriculture Initiative at CSU Chico (and first CEO of the Rodale Institute); **Josh Whiton**, a highly successful eco-tech entrepreneur whose most recent project is MakeSoil.org. Hosted by **Arty**

**Mangan**, Director of Bioneers' Restorative Food Systems Program.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

## Spiritual Ecology and Sacred Rebellion

The science of the environmental crisis is now obvious and widely known, but sufficient mass collective action to change our civilization's catastrophic trajectory has not coalesced. What's preventing it? Could it be a deeper, unspoken spiritual crisis of values? Four intergenerational visionaries will share how they draw from their faiths to work toward transforming worldviews and healing systemic injustices. Hosted by **Kyle Lemle**, Spiritual Ecology Fellow, U.S. People's Delegate to the UN Climate Talks. With: **Niria Alicia**, Honor the Earth Fellow, Organizer, Run 4 Salmon; **Wendy Johnson**, Buddhist meditation teacher, master organic gardener; **Dekila Chungyalpa**, founder WWF Sacred Earth; **brontë velez**, educator with Planting Justice and Creative Director of Lead to Life.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

## Navigating Emergence: Perspectives and Practices for Responding in Real Time

While planning remains important, in our increasingly fast-paced complex world we need to grow our abilities to embrace emergence, serendipity and synchronicity. In this experiential workshop led by **Kate Sutherland**, a highly experienced community and organizational change expert, author of *We Can Do This! 10 Tools to Unleash Our Collective Genius*, we'll learn three cutting-edge practices to cultivate and leverage the power of our intuition and intention to deepen our ability to "see" systemically: Adaptive Cycles, Chaordic Design, and Conscious Co-creation. We'll leave this workshop equipped with a starter kit of highly effective, potent, in-the-moment practices we can draw upon to both better navigate the world's chaos and to gain greater clarity about our life's purpose.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

## Indigenous Forum.

### How to Be A Good Ally

White "ally-ship" with Indigenous Peoples is confusing to the point that we don't know if we should even use the word "ally" anymore. Through open and honest dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners, this workshop provides a pathway for building successful cross-cultural collaborations in: philanthropic giving, environmental campaigns, and the advancement of Indigenous rights. For non-Indigenous attendees, this workshop will explore the relationship between ally-ship with Indigenous groups and one's own "re-indigenization." For Indigenous people, this workshop offers practical guidelines to help you manage collaborations, coalitions and alliances with outsiders. Introduced by **Cara Romero** and **Kenny Ausubel**. Moderated by **Alexis Bunten**. With: **Clayton Thomas-Muller**, Stop-it-at-the-Source Campaigner of 350.org; **May Boeve**, Executive Director, 350.org; **Mitch Anderson**, founder and Executive Director of Amazon Frontlines; **Hernan Payaguaje** (Seikopai) Executive Director of the Ceibo Alliance; **Edgar Villanueva**, Chair of Native Americans in Philanthropy; **Hilary Giovale**, a 9th generation American settler and philanthropist committed to healing historical divides.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

## Youth Leadership. Truthworker Theatre Company: Artists As Activists

Come join **Samara Gaev**, founder and Artistic Director of Truthworker Theatre Company, in a dynamic, interactive workshop that will draw from the multiplicity of narratives that live within the participants. We'll be guided in using embodiment and visionary storytelling to unpack issues of trauma, healing, power, privilege, social justice, and inequity in our communities. Drawing from a Theatre of the Oppressed pedagogy, we'll creatively collaborate to conceive of new possibilities for testimony, empathy building and radical systems change. There will also be a performance by members of the Truthworker company of a few excerpts of their provocative trilogy depicting the prison industrial complex

through the lens of a dozen youth impacted by mass incarceration.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*

## Natural Building & Ecological Design Principles—Build a Teeny Tiny House!

A critical ecological design principle is to start small-scale and work up. In this session we will have the opportunity to design and build our own teeny tiny house and learn all about natural building and ecological design principles along the way. We will discuss different earthen building techniques, passive solar design, living roofs, rainwater catchment, and more, all the while getting our hands dirty in this interactive workshop! With ecological educator and natural builder **Brennan Blazer Bird**.

*Location: Hands-On Workshop Space*

## Creating Tomorrow Together: Systems Change & the Next Economy/World Café

Our fundamental systems of governance and economics are changing, and the seeds of the next systems are emerging. What does that look like in your community, work, and life? How are we nourishing those seeds of possibility and growing this movement for a just transition regionally, nationally and globally? Come to an engaging World Café conversation about what we have learned this weekend, what unique contributions we are making, and how we can support one another in taking the next steps towards right livelihoods, new economies, and a system that benefits all life. With: **Gar Alperovitz**, the Democracy Collaborative & Next Systems Project. Hosted by: **David Shaw**, Santa Cruz Permaculture & UCSC Common Ground Center; **Amy Lenzo**, weDialogue & The World Cafe Community Foundation and **Della Duncan**, “deep economist” and co-producer of the Upstream Podcast.

*Location: World Café*

## 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 **Erin Axelrod**, partner/worker-owner at LIFT Economy. Facilitated by **Lauren Dalberth Hage** and **Dave Hage** of Weaving Earth.

*Location: Community of Mentors*

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

### Lessons from the Oil Fields, Wisdom from the Forest

*Co-sponsored by Amazon Frontlines and the Ceibo Alliance*

The territory of the Amazon’s Indigenous peoples is some of the most biodiverse (and most threatened) rainforest on our planet. What does Indigenous stewardship of the Amazon look like in the 21st century? What are the risks, threats and opportunities? Come hear from a team working on the frontlines of community-led resistance to predatory resource extraction. They’ll illustrate current approaches to on-the-ground action in the Amazon, the risk of losing the ancestral knowledge of native Amazonians, the opportunities and pitfalls of global solidarity, and what this all means for conservation movements worldwide. Hosted by **Mitch Anderson**, founder and Executive Director of Amazon Frontlines. With: **Nemonte Nenquimo** (Waarani) founding member of the Ceibo Alliance; **Hernan Payaguaje** (Seikopai) Executive Director of the Ceibo Alliance; **Luke Weiss**, Coordinator of the Cultural Recovery and Territorial Mapping programs at Amazon Frontlines; **Brian Parker**, Legal Rights Defenders Program Coordinator at Amazon Frontlines.

*Location: Larkspur Room*

### Innovative Enterprise: “Greening” Agriculture and Boosting Farmers’ Livelihoods

Thriving, dynamic organic and agro-ecological movements have been growing rapidly around the world to present real alternatives to industrial agriculture’s catastrophic harms. These

visionary leaders of cutting-edge, mission-driven enterprises working in the U.S. and globally share their strategies for succeeding at spreading ecologically sound agricultural practices while boosting farming families' incomes and wellbeing. With: **Alex Eaton**, co-founder, Sistema Biobolsa; **Theresa Marquez**, Mission Ambassador at Organic Valley; **Kyle Garner**, CEO of Organic India USA; **Ken Lee**, co-founder/co-owner of Lotus Foods. Moderated by **Erin Axelrod**, partner/worker-owner at LIFT Economy.

*Location: Showcase Theater*

### Transforming Philanthropy: Moving from Charity to Redistribution

*Produced in collaboration with Resource Generation, which organizes young people with wealth and class privilege in the U.S. to become transformative leaders working towards the equitable distribution of wealth, land and power.*

We are living in an age of massive wealth inequality. The 8 richest people in the world (all men) own as much wealth as the poorest half of the global population. Most philanthropy in the U.S. is a symptom of this wealth inequality and does not address its root causes. This panel features leaders who are seeking to: shift underlying power dynamics; practice philanthropy as redistribution; and work across class and racial divides to move money to frontline poor and working class-led organizations fighting for racial and economic justice. This is a cross-class panel, including speakers who have experienced poverty, and this deep and transformational conversation will include voices from impacted and impactors. With **Quinton Sankofa**, co-owner, Sirius Creativity; **"Tiny" Gray-Garcia**, journalist, poet, educator, co-founder of *POOR Magazine*; **Rajiv Khanna**, Director of Philanthropic Partnerships, Thousand Currents; **limay Ho**, Executive Director, Resource Generation. Moderated by **Arianne Shaffer**, Director of the Indie Philanthropy Initiative.

*Location: Sausalito Room*

### Indigenous Forum.

#### Exploring "Blood Memory"

"Blood memory" is the idea that we carry ancient memories in our DNA, genetic connections to the teachings of our ancestors, and that these memories can be awakened. This workshop explores different dimensions of this controversial concept, including such questions as: Does everyone have "blood memory"? What relationship does "blood memory" have to the concept of "re-indigenizing"? And, how can the concept of blood memory be used to heal from trauma and connect people to their responsibility to place? Moderated by **Alexis Bunten** (Aleut) Bioneers Indigeneity Program Manager. With: **Anita Sanchez** (Aztec) author and consultant; **Ilarion Mercurieff** (Aleut); **Josephine Mandamin** (Anishinabe) Mother Earth Water Walkers; **Jade Begay** (Diné) Indigenous Rising Media and Blood Memory VR.

*Location: Indigenous Forum*

### Women, Let Your Voice Lead

The world you long for needs you to let your voice lead. Speak and sing your truths. Declare your vision. Be a rousing voice for the voiceless in the face of injustice. Come join the surge of women growing our connected voices into instruments of life-revering pathways forward in this dynamic, interactive/participatory session with **Rachel Bagby**, former member of Bobby McFerrin's "Voicestra," author of *Divine Daughters: Liberating the Power and Passion of Women's Voices*; and **Nina Simons**, co-founder of Bioneers.

*Location: Interactive & Experiential Tent*

### Youth Leadership. Closure and Reflection

Youth have the opportunity to close out the Bioneers Conference in a meaningful way. It's a moment to process emotions, questions, ideas and inspirations that have arisen over the course of the weekend, and to be better equipped to bring back what they've learned to their communities and social networks. Facilitated by **Maya Carlson**, Bioneers Youth Leadership Program Coordinator.

*Location: Youth Unity Center*



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Location: Dome on the grounds

## FRIDAY 10/19

### 12:00 - 1:00pm: Future Casting

How can we continue to evolve technologically, but remain grounded in the natural world?

With: **Jennifer Gresham**, NEXUS Seattle;  
**Nathan Walworth**, NEXUS Lab on Futurism.

### 1:30 - 2:30pm: To Hemp or Not to Hemp?

How many sectors (healthcare? construction? fashion? food? etc.?) Will hemp impact as it becomes increasingly legal? With: **Christina Hollenbeck**, Hemp/Equal Justice activist; **Miranda Clendening**, C3 Initiatives; **Chris Lindstrom**, moderator.

### 3:00 - 4:00pm: Relatedness: The Work of the Tamera Community (and beyond)

We'll explore how some leading-edge communities around the world are offering models of a saner, more sustainable culture. With: **Julia Maryanska**, Re/Culture Media; **Lucian Tarnowski**, Civana; **Kate Bunney**, Walking Water.

### 4:30 - 5:30pm: Toward a Regenerative

**Civilization** Drawing from the recent Tribalize Summit and Tribalize Mastermind events, we'll explore how we can scale our best practices to make a significant impact on the planet at this time of existential risk. With: **Yeshua Adonai**, Systemic Innovation; **Ian Michael Herbert**, development consultant; **Brad Nye**, moderator, founder, Tribalize.

### 6:00 - 7:30pm: Re:DOME Reception

Refreshments, cool tunes, elevated mingling, with optional intentional networking/speed dating exercises. Hosted by **Abundant Earth Foundation**.

## SATURDAY 10/20

### 10:00am -12:00pm: The Anastasia

**Phenomenon** The Anastasia books have spread from a small corner of Russia to the entire world without any marketing. Why? With: **Gabriel Lopez**, Anastasia USA; **Wesley Wittkamper**, NEXUS Global.

### 12:00 - 1:00pm: Natural Time

What can we do to live outside "linear" time? With: **Ruben Llanas**, 13-months 28-days.info; **Wesley Wittkamper**, NEXUS Global.

### 1:30 - 2:30pm: Permaculture for Disaster

**Recovery** Hosted by **Hannah Apricot Eckberg** of the Abundant Earth Foundation; panelists tba.

### 3:00 - 4:00pm: Making Soil Together

How to rebuild soils and communities with **Josh Whiton**, MakeSoil.org and **Ryland Engelhart**, Kiss The Ground / Cafe Gratitude.

### 4:30 - 5:30pm: Free to Be Me - The LBGT+

**Movement** Join a heart-filled discussion about the beauties and challenges of being queer in environmental and social change movements. Hosted by **Abundant Earth Foundation**.

### 6:00 - 7:30pm: Re:DOME Reception

Queer Ecologies! An LGBTQ Mixer. Gather in a safe space to celebrate identity within the context of our diverse and symbiotic work for justice and sustainability. Hosted by the **Eco-Queer Project**.

## SUNDAY 10/21

### 12:00 - 1:00pm: Organic Governance

How do we bring our broken democracy back to the people? With: **Jenny Johnson**, Digital Director of represent.us; **Aubrey Streit Krug**, Ph.D. of the land institute; **Ryland Engelhart**, Kiss The Ground/Cafe Gratitude; **Paul Cooper**, Transformation Agency.

### 1:30 - 2:30pm: Regenerative Community

**Living** With: **Cassandra Ferrera**, Chief Community Officer, Green Key Real Estate; **Stephen Brooks**, founder, Punta Mona Center for Regenerative Design; **Michael Gosney**, Managing Director, Techne' Verde. Moderated by **Brad Nye**, founder, Tribalize.

### 3:00 - 4:00pm: The B Corp Movement: From

**Local to Global** Come hear how B Lab is serving a global movement of people using business as a force for good. With: **Ben Anderson**, B Lab US/Canada; **Olivia Kronemeyer**, Guayaki; others TBA.

### 4:30 - 5:30pm: Regenerative Cannabis

**Agriculture** How can California build a unique, healthy cannabis supply chain based on small farmers, biological diversity, organics, permaculture, etc., and avoid the pitfalls of industrial agriculture? With: **Zach Carson**, FlowKana; **Justin Calvino**, The Mendocino Appellations Project; **Christina Hollenbeck**, Hemp/Equal justice activist.

## Bringing Indigenous perspectives to global conversations

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 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.

The Bioneers Indigeneity Program warmly welcomes all people from different backgrounds, ages and walks of life to join our Indigeneity programming as relatives, friends, and allies.

### INDIGENEITY PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

*Indigenous Forum (IF)*

*Veterans Memorial Auditorium (UMA)*

#### THURSDAY 10/18:

**9:00-5:00 pm: TEK Workshop: Abalone & Seaweed: Our Original Instructions for Harvesting the Ocean.** *(off-site) McNears Beach.*

#### FRIDAY 10/19:

**9:18 am: Opening Ceremony with Vincent Medina** *(UMA)*

**12:00 pm: Beyond the Headdress with Jayden Lim** *(UMA)*

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM: THEME, WATER IS LIFE

**1:00 pm: Native Youth Digital Storytelling Showcase,** bring your lunch *(IF)*

**2:45 pm: Abalone Wars: Indigenous Voices from the Coastal Frontlines** *(IF)*

**4:30 pm: Mni Wiconi: We Are Here to Protect Our Rivers** *(IF)*

#### SATURDAY 10/20:

**10:15 am: Guardians of the Forest with The Ceibo Alliance.** *(UMA)*

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM: THEME, INDIGENOUS SOLUTIONS

**1:00 pm: Lunch with Elder Tom Goldtooth, Q & A,** bring your lunch *(IF)*

**2:45 pm: Natives Just Transition to Clean Energy** *(IF)*

**4:30 pm: Beyond Sovereignty: Towards Self-Determination** *(IF)*

#### SUNDAY 10/21:

**12:12 pm: Nihimá Nahasdzáán: Healing Women & Nature with Lyla June** *(UMA)*

#### INDIGENOUS FORUM: THEME, RE-INDIGENIZATION

**1:00 pm: IBEX Puppetry: The Interconnectivity of Cranes,** bring your lunch *(IF)*

**2:45 pm: How To Be a Good Ally** *(IF)*

**4:30 pm: Exploring Blood Memory** *(IF)*

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.



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# INTERACTIVE AND EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAM

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

These sessions are designed to help us cultivate cultural competencies, increase our relational intelligence and help us see blind spots that often come with privilege as we seek to co-create a fully inclusive, regenerative and equitable world. Some of the sessions are intended to help us bridge differences and seed respectful collaborations; some offer insights into gender issues; some draw from the power of art to ignite change.

All embody the principle so central to Bioneers of learning from nature how to heal nature (including our human nature), and each program seeks to cultivate leadership from the inside out, integrating body, heart, mind and spirit.

## FRIDAY 10/19

2:45-4:15

- Engaging Our Differences: Practice & Presence facilitated by the Center for Whole Communities (*in the tent on the island*)
- Earth Connection Herb Walk with **Kami McBride** (*meet at Bioneers Information Booth*)
- Growing Our Evolved Self: Dissolving Like a Caterpillar, Evolving Like a Butterfly with **Polly Howells** and **Trebbe Johnson** (*meet at the Hands-on Workshop Space*)

4:30-6:00

- Art, Power & Social Change with **Samara Gaev** and friends (*in the tent on the island*)



## SATURDAY 10/20

2:45-4:15

- Joven Noble con Palabra: A Healing Cultural Rites of Passage Model for Adolescent Males of Color with **Ariel Jimenez** and **Ysenia Sepulveda** (*in the tent on the island*)
- Radical Environmental Activism: Finding Beauty in the Broken Places/World Café with **Polly Howells**, **Trebbe Johnson**, and host **Amy Lenzo** (*World Café*)

4:30-6:00

- Embodied Restoration: Rebalancing the Sacred Masculine and Feminine with **Clare DuBois** (*in the tent on the island*)



## SUNDAY 10/21

2:45-4:15

- Navigating Emergence: Perspectives and Practices for Responding in Real Time with **Kate Sutherland** (*in the tent on the island*)

4:30-6:00

- Women, Let Your Voice Lead with **Rachel Bagby** and **Nina Simons** (*in the tent on the island*)



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

**SATURDAY 6:15pm**—*Moonrise: The Power of Women (and Men) Leading from the Heart*, edited by **Nina Simons** and **Anneke Campbell**

**SUNDAY 4:30pm**—*We Can Do This: 10 Tools to Unleash Our Collective Genius* by **Kate Sutherland**

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



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Thanks to the investment 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.

In addition to the Youth Leadership keynotes and afternoon sessions on restorative justice, hip hop, gender, storytelling and a poetry slam, which are listed in the main program schedule, the YLP offers the following:

**COMMUNITY MANDALA**—Join **Aaron Ableman** of Pacha’s Pajamas and **Erika Minkowsky** in creating a community art piece. **Friday at 1:45pm | Location: Outside the Youth Unity Center**

**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**

**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 9:30am | Location: Outside the Youth Unity Center**

**TRASHION SHOW**—Truckee High School’s **Envirovolution Club** graces the fashion runway with designs made from recycled materials to highlight the waste of a throw-away culture. **Saturday 1:50pm | Location: Central Lawn**

**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 held by **Maya Carlson**. **Saturday 9:30am | Location: Youth Unity Center**

**SINGING TREE INTERACTIVE MURAL PROJECT** with **Laurie Marshall** and youth artists. **Open all weekend | Location: Outside on the Conference Grounds**

**MEDIA CENTER** with **Synergia Learning Ventures**. Youth produce video and audio interviews on site. **Open all weekend | Location: Youth Unity Center**

**FILM:** **From Clenched Fist to Compassion**, A short documentary about how Samara Gaev’s youth theater company, Truthworker, is interacting with convicted murderer Jarvis Masters, a Buddhist author, and how that relationship informs their theater work and their lives. **Friday 8:35pm | Location: Showcase Theater**

Other ways to make your tax-deductible gift to the Bioneers Youth Scholarship Fund:  
<http://bit.ly/BioYouth2018>



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

## Change-Makers Fair

Explore our “village” of nonprofits and socially conscious companies dedicated to creating a better world, today! Note: This year most of our exhibitors will be indoors, in the Exhibit Hall. (see page 38)

## Art Installations

curated by Polina Smith (see page 35)

## Caroline Casey

Unleashes her dazzling, unequaled cosmic/comic activist storytelling skills—

Friday night, 9pm

## Tiny House Village

Come explore livable structures made from sustainable materials.

## Performers and Music

(see page 35)

## Hands-On Outdoor Workshops

(see daily schedule for times and descriptions)

## Silkscreening Fundraiser with OXDX

OXDX owner, designer, and artist Jared Yazzie (Diné - Navajo) creates artwork that increases awareness of Native issues and shows the beauty of Native culture. Join OXDX and silkscreen a t-shirt or bring your own cotton fabric for \$30.

Friday through Sunday from 12pm to 6pm (see page 37)

## NEXUS Lab Sessions In The Dome

Stimulating presentations, dynamic discussions and gatherings from the cutting edge, every afternoon (see page 27)

## Films and Filmmakers

Powerful social-issue films introduced by visionary filmmakers (see page 34)

## Seed Exchange

Trade open-pollinated, heirloom, traditional and organic seeds. Saturday: 6:30pm

## World Café

Offering a series of participant-driven conversations about how we can collaborate to shape the future by synergizing the unique gifts of all generations. (see schedule pages for descriptions and speakers)

## Drawdown Marin

Sustainable Marin, Resilient Neighborhoods, Marin Clean Energy, and others invite county residents to discuss how to make Marin “fossil free.”

Saturday at 2:45pm (see page 17)

## Saturday Night Dance Party

9pm to Midnight, Exhibit Hall

## Earth Connection Herb Walk

With Kami McBride

Friday 2:45 (see page 8)

## Growing Our Evolved Self

Outdoor session with Polly Howells and Trebbe Johnson Friday 2:45 (see page 8)

## Trashion Show!

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

Saturday, lunchtime, Central Lawn

## Singing Circle

With Noe Venable

Saturday 1:15pm—2:30pm (see page 13)

Yoga at Bioneers (see page 35)

# 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 19

4:30 PM

ANNEKE CAMPBELL

*We the People: Stories from the Community Rights Movement in the US*

MONICA GAGLIANO

*Thus Spoke the Plant*

ILARION MERCULIEFF

*Wisdom Keeper*

MICHAEL POLLAN

*How to Change Your Mind*

VICTORIA SWEET

*Slow Medicine: The Way to Healing*

6:15 PM

MAY BOEVE

*Fight Global Warming Now*

ERIK DAVIS

*The Visionary State: A Journey Through California's Spiritual Landscape*

ANNIE LEONARD

*The Story of Stuff*

JASON MARK

*Satellites in the High Country*

DONIGA MARKEGARD

*Dawn Again: Tracking the Wisdom of the Wild*

NICHOLAS POWERS

*The Ground Below Zero*

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:30 PM

J.P. HARPIGNIES

*Visionary Plant Consciousness*

DAY SCHILDKRET

*Morning Altars*

4:30 PM

KALI AKUNO

*Jackson Rising*

GAR ALPEROVITZ

*What Then Must We Do?*

TREBBE JOHNSON

*Radical Joy for Hard Times*

MARK SCHAPIRO

*Seeds of Resistance: The Fight to Save Our Food Supply*

6:15 PM

ERIC DINERSTEIN

*What Elephants Know*

SUZAN HARJO

*Nation to Nation*

MELISSA NELSON

*Original Instructions*

KEVIN POWELL

*My Mother, Barack Obama, Donald Trump, And the Last Stand of the Angry White Man*

ANDREW REVKIN

*Weather: An Illustrated History*

NINA SIMONS

*Moonrise: The Power of Women Leading from the Heart*

LINDA TUCKER

*Saving the White Lions*

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:30 PM

ASHTON APPLEWHITE

*This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*

DAPHNE MILLER

*Pharmacology: Total Health from the Ground Up*

MASAMI SAIONJI

*You Are the Universe*

KATE SUTHERLAND

*We Can Do This: 10 Tools to Unleash Our Collective Genius*

LYNNE TWIST

*The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship With Money and Life*

EDGAR VILLANUEVA

*Decolonizing Wealth*

6:15 PM

TINY GRAY-GARCIA

*Criminal of Poverty: Growing Up Homeless in America*

ANITA SANCHEZ

*The Four Sacred Gifts*



**ASKING, “HOW WOULD NATURE DO IT?” HAS BEEN A GUIDING QUESTION** for Bioneers since our founding. It’s been thrilling to watch the emergence of the field of Biomimicry over the past three decades. Our vision moving forward is to help seed biomimicry and biomimetic thinking as the default position for design, industry, economy and culture.

Bioneers, in partnership with the Biomimicry Institute and the Ray C. Anderson Foundation, is honored to be hosting the third annual Awards Ceremony for the world’s premiere biomimicry design prize, the \$100,000 Ray C. Anderson Foundation Ray of Hope™ Prize.

On Saturday morning, multiple prizes will be awarded to finalist teams in the Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, a worldwide design competition that crowdsources nature-inspired solutions to the world’s most pressing issues. Stop by the Biomimicry Institute booth to see design models from all finalists and keep your eyes and ears open for biomimetic thinking and problem solving seeded throughout the conference programming. We’re pleased to be partnering with the Biomimicry Institute on this Global Design Challenge and additional projects moving forward. Stay tuned for more!



## What is Biomimicry?

Biomimicry is an approach to innovation that seeks sustainable solutions to human challenges by emulating nature’s time-tested patterns and strategies. The goal is to create products, processes and policies—new ways of living—that are well-adapted to life on Earth over the long haul.



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**STARTS AT 7:00PM, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

**Location: Showcase Theater**

Screenings with introductions from the filmmakers.



## FRIDAY

### 7pm Changing of the Gods

Two episodes-in-progress from the forthcoming film series produced, written and co-directed by Bioneers founder Kenny Ausubel—a visionary exploration of cycles of revolution and social transformation across history based on “Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World View” by Richard Tarnas; introduced by **Kenny Ausubel**.

### 8:35pm From Clenched Fist to Compassion

From Clenched Fist to Compassion is a short documentary about Samara Gaev’s youth theater company Truthworker; introduced by **Samara Gaev**.



### 9pm Award-Winning 2018 Short Films from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Some of this year’s best short films from our friends and allies at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival; introduced by **Theresa Huck** of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. For more information: [www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/2018-award-winning-films-announced/](http://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/2018-award-winning-films-announced/)

## SATURDAY

### 7pm Symbiotic Earth: How Lynn Margulis started a Scientific Revolution

Excerpts from John Feldman’s new documentary about Lynn Margulis, the late genius who seeded a monumental paradigm shift in biology; introduced by **John Feldman**.



### 8:20pm Walk on the Mountain

Walk on the Mountain, directed by Will Gregg and Eddie Mostert, highlights the work of Junior Walk who has dedicated his life to exposing the ravages caused by the coal industry.

### 8:50pm Water Warriors

A new short film by Michael Premo about a successful community uprising in New Brunswick, Canada, in which Indigenous and white families united to drive out an energy company to protect their water.

### 9:30pm The Fuller Challenge

This brand new film explores the impact and legacy of the Buckminster Fuller Challenge, widely recognized as “socially responsible design’s highest award.” Introduced by **Elizabeth Thompson** and **J.P. Harpignies**.

### 10:10pm Open Source Stories: The Science of Collective Discovery

The story of how citizen scientists are making groundbreaking discoveries using open hardware in their own backyards.



# ART, PERFORMANCES 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/art-bioneers-conference](http://conference.bioneers.org/art-bioneers-conference))



Lunch Hour performer Shea Freedom

## ART

**Nature Dreamweaver** (aka Nate Hogen), who has traveled the world building natural art installation sanctuaries that “facilitate the perception of a dream reality, manifesting heaven on earth and bringing communities together” has built an original “nest” on the Bioneers grounds.

**Minoosh Zomorodinia**, an Iranian artist living in the U.S., brings an interactive installation that invites us to reflect on what it means to be an immigrant and a citizen living in connection to the environment.

**Lucien Dante’s** “Gargoyles” are larger-than-life beings made from wool, hair, wood, metal, paint, clay and natural materials.

**Day Schildkret** will create a ‘Morning Altar’—a beautiful mandala made from found, natural materials—live onsite on Friday afternoon; and he will also sign his books on *Saturday at 1:30pm at the Bookstore.*

**Scott Froschauer** re-imagines Department of Transportation street signs in his “The Word on The Street” series.

**Lucila Assumpção** brings the “Pilgrim’s Backpack,” an interactive piece that displays one-of-a-kind books and objects for soul nourishment. *Sat & Sun 1:30pm on the lawn.*

**Lindsay Carron** leads us in a participatory art project that speaks to the current state of Pacific Coast salmon, helping us see clearly their dire condition but also helping us envision together a far healthier healthy future for this species.

**WEAD** (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 allows us to offer our responses to environmental and social challenges.

**Kelsi Anderson** and **Andres Amador’s** Zen Playground (in the Exhibit Hall) is an interactive installation that allows participants to experience the joy of spontaneous creativity. Scheduled guided sessions: every day, *Fri-Sun, 2:00-2:30pm and 4:00-4:30pm*

This year we are also featuring a series of **Live Painters** who will be lighting up the conference grounds! Watch them in action throughout the weekend and make a bid on their piece in the final auction.

## PERFORMANCES

**Caroline Casey**, the one and only “Chief Trickster” at Coyote Network News, who has been enrapturing audiences at Bioneers for 20 years, presents Democratic Animism Now! *Saturday night, 9pm in the Exhibit Hall*

**Lunch Hour Music:** Join us on the lawn for beautiful and rejuvenating music by a wide variety of artists. *Fri-Sun, 1:00-2:30* (full schedule at: [conference.bioneers.org/art-bioneers-conference#music](http://conference.bioneers.org/art-bioneers-conference#music))

**Trashion Show** on *Saturday 2:00-2:30 (on the lawn)* Truckee High’s Envirovolution Club’s annual fashion show extravaganza!

**Crescent Moon Theater** presents Julia’s Travels on *Friday at 6:15pm in the Youth Tent*—vibrant dance, theater, music, circus arts and spirited storytelling.

World-renowned **IBEX Puppetry** presents Harmonious Migrations, *Sunday 1pm in the Indigenous Forum.*

**Dance Party, Saturday, 9:30-midnight, Exhibit Hall;** with legendary all-women DJ collective, the B-side Brujas; musical storyteller Aaron Ableman; live face painting, etc.

**YOGA** with **Laurel van den Cline 7:30am Saturday and daily at 1:30pm on the Island** Give your body what it needs and put your mind at ease with yoga. 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.

## STAGE ART

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 exhibited in Native Museums, including the Museum of Contemporary Native Art, the Red Cloud Heritage Center, and The Five Civilized Tribes Museum.

The stunning works McCoy has created especially for Bioneers are brilliantly hand-painted lightweight wooden sculptures depicting a wide range of animals that include land, air and water species that have symbiotic relationships to each other. 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 2018 Bioneers conference.



ZYDRO NDSYI ©

Daniel McCoy, Stage Artist

## 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 animals 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 p.m. and closes on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.**



BIONEERS AND OXDX  
LIMITED EDITION T-SHIRT  
DESIGN AND  
SILKSCREENING  
FUNDRAISER  
EVENT

Bioneers is proud to announce our partnership with Jared Yazzie of OXDX, a Native American clothing design company, to design a limited edition T-shirt to commemorate the 2018 Annual Bioneers Conference. The Mission of OXDX clothing is “to preserve culture by passing on stories through art, fashion, and creative content. To be socially conscious, constantly connected to our community, and ambitious as hell.”

The T-Shirt Design depicts a Ramaytush Ohlone figure in traditional feather and shell regalia, flanked by California Indian basket designs, with San Francisco behind her, and the Pacific Ocean under her. The color scheme represents red ochre, charcoal, and white ceremonial body paints. Her heart is represented by Turtle Island, and surrounded by California native blue bell flowers and hummingbirds, who brought fire and light to the Ohlone creation story, and are a symbol of luck and hope. Her earrings showcase the OXDX logo, and, as a coastal person, she stands on the embrace of the Bioneers logo. By wearing this design, you are acknowledging and honoring San Francisco as the ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the only living descendants of the original Indigenous peoples of the San Francisco Peninsula. **The Bioneers Limited Edition T-shirt is available for purchase at the Bioneers Store in the Exhibit Hall for \$50.**



**JARED YAZZIE** has been a Bioneer since 2015, he has spoken in the Indigenous Forum and has presented as a mentor to youth attending the Bioneers Conference; and has hosted silk-screening with you during the conference. Join OXDX as Jared will be offering silk-screened original designs with youth and for general attendees at his booth on the conference grounds, throughout the weekend from 12-6 pm. You can purchase a T-shirt for \$30 (supplies limited), or bring your own light colored cotton fabric scarf, or t-shirt to silk-screen for the same price. Note that this is a fundraiser, a portion of the proceeds will support Bioneers programs.



# CHANGE-MAKERS FAIR



Come connect with organizations, nonprofit and for-profit, focused on building community and promoting sustainability, justice and a resilient world. You'll find the Change-Makers Fair in the Exhibit Hall. It will open at noon on all three days of the conference, October 19-21, and is **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**ALTER ECO**  
[alterecofoods.com](http://alterecofoods.com)

**AMPCOIL/ CATHERINE  
ABBY RISCH**  
[ampcoil.com](http://ampcoil.com)

**BEE HUNTER WINE**  
[beehunterwine.com](http://beehunterwine.com)

**BHOGA**  
[bhoga.com](http://bhoga.com)

**BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE**  
[biomimicry.org](http://biomimicry.org)

**CONSERVATION CORPS**  
[ccnorthbay.org](http://ccnorthbay.org)

**DASH HEMP**  
[dashhemp.com](http://dashhemp.com)

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION IN THE  
CARRIBEAN (EPIC)**  
[epicislands.org](http://epicislands.org)

**FOR THE WILD**  
[forthewild.world](http://forthewild.world)

**GORGEOUS GODDESSWEAR**  
[gorgeousgoddesswear.com](http://gorgeousgoddesswear.com)

**GREEN CENTURY CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT**  
[Greencentury.com](http://Greencentury.com)

**GREENHEART  
INTERNATIONAL**  
[greenheart.org](http://greenheart.org)

**HARVEST & MILL**  
[harvestandmill.com](http://harvestandmill.com)

**HEALING HANDS**  
[alcochanshealinghands.com](http://alcochanshealinghands.com)

**HERBS AMERICA**  
[herbs-america.com](http://herbs-america.com)

**HOMEBIOGAS**  
[homebiogas.com](http://homebiogas.com)

**HYDROS LIFE**  
[hydroslife.com](http://hydroslife.com)

**MERIDIAN UNIVERSITY**  
[meridianuniversity.edu](http://meridianuniversity.edu)

**MIT PRESS**  
[mitpress.mit.edu](http://mitpress.mit.edu)

**MULTIPLE THREADS**  
[multiplethreads.org](http://multiplethreads.org)

**NO ENEMY**  
[noenemy.org](http://noenemy.org)

**NORTH ATLANTIC BOOKS**  
[northatlanticbooks.com](http://northatlanticbooks.com)

**NUMI TEA**  
[numitea.com](http://numitea.com)

**ORGANIC INDIA**  
[organicindiausa.com](http://organicindiausa.com)

**PACHAMAMA ALLIANCE**  
[pachamama.org](http://pachamama.org)

**PIXIE HONEY**  
[pixiehoneyco.com](http://pixiehoneyco.com)

**PM PRESS**  
[pmpress.org](http://pmpress.org)

**PROGRESSIVE ASSET  
MANAGEMENT**  
[pamboston.com](http://pamboston.com)

**RAINBOW BLISS  
BOTANICALS**  
[rbbotanicals.com](http://rbbotanicals.com)

**RIDE-UM-GEORGE**  
[rideumgeorge.com](http://rideumgeorge.com)

**SIERRA CLUB**  
[sierraclub.org](http://sierraclub.org)

**SOLUTIONCRAFT**  
[solutioncraft.org](http://solutioncraft.org)

**STEPPING STONES PROJECT**  
[steppingstonesproject.org](http://steppingstonesproject.org)

**SUN FIRST SOLAR**  
[sunfirstsolar.com](http://sunfirstsolar.com)

**SYNERGY**  
[synergyclothing.com](http://synergyclothing.com)

**TAMALPA INSTITUTE**  
[tamalpa.org](http://tamalpa.org)

**TRIAD OF HEALTH**  
[triadofhealth.net](http://triadofhealth.net)

**VITAL HEMP**  
[vitalhemp.com](http://vitalhemp.com)

**WEAVING EARTH**  
[weavingearth.com](http://weavingearth.com)

**WESTERN INSTITUTE  
FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**  
[wiser.edu](http://wiser.edu)

**WILD AND SCENIC  
FILM FESTIVAL**  
[wildandscenicfilmfestival.org](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org)





## 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 Scott LaCrosse, 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](http://ExtraFood.org) has delivered over 315,286 pounds of food to 60 nonprofits, also preventing thousands of pounds of methane from entering the atmosphere.

**RANDOM ACTS OF FLOWERS** will be picking up the florals and reusing them.

# PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES



**Aaron Ableman**, an award-winning musician, artist, entrepreneur and author who has studied with indigenous elders, Oxford scholars and notable

spiritual leaders, has worked with many luminaries, including: Mos Def, Talib Kweli, Michael Franti, Cypress Hill, Raffi, Joan Baez, Nahko Bear, and Vandana Shiva, amongst many others, and has produced a wide range of award-winning educational entertainment programs for children and youth. (aaronableman.com)



**Kali Akuno**, co-founder and Co-Director of Cooperation Jackson, served as the Director of Special Projects in the administration of the late, renowned

progressive Jackson, Mississippi Mayor, Chokwe Lumumba, focusing on the development of eco-friendly and human rights-enhancing policies in the city. Kali also previously served as the Co-Director of the U.S. Human Rights Network and as Executive Director of the Peoples' Hurricane Relief Fund (PHRF). (cooperationjackson.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.



**Tere Almaguer**, Environmental Justice Organizer for PODER (which organizes Latino immigrant families and youth to create locally-based, community-

led, and environmentally just solutions to problems in San Francisco's southeast neighborhoods) for 15 years, previously coordinated the Youth Leadership Program in San Francisco. Tere also works with the Urban Campesinx Program/Hummingbird Farm, a public space for healthy food, herbal healing traditions, job training, and community empowerment. (podersf.org)



**Gar Alperovitz, Ph.D.**, President of the National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives, co-founder of the Democracy Collaborative and

co-chair of the Next System Project, has had a distinguished career as a historian, political economist, professor, scholar, activist, policy expert, and government official. The author of many critically acclaimed books, including on atomic diplomacy, his articles are widely published in leading news outlets, and he has frequently testified before Congress. (garalperovitz.com)



**Mitch Anderson**, founder and Executive Director of Amazon Frontlines, has spent the past 15 years supporting the struggles of indigenous peoples across the

Americas. In 2011 he moved to Ecuador to work on clean water projects with Indigenous communities living downriver from contaminating oil operations, leading him to help support the creation of the Ceibo Alliance, an indigenous movement for land, life, and cultural survival in the western Amazon. (amazonfrontlines.org)



**Ashton Applewhite**, an internationally recognized expert on ageism and a leading spokesperson for a movement to mobilize against discrimination

on the basis of age, is the author of *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*. She also blogs at ThisChairRocks.com and runs the Yo, Is This Ageist? website. Applewhite speaks widely at a wide range of venues that have included the TED main stage and the United Nations. (thischairrocks.com)



**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)



**Erin Axelrod** is a partner/worker-owner at LIFT Economy, which specializes in accelerating the spread of climate-beneficial

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businesses through such initiatives as the Regenerative Agriculture Investor Network (RAIN), the Force for Good Fund and the Restorative Ocean Economies Field-Building Initiative. Erin also lives and works on a grass-fed beef and land restoration project, Freestone Ranch, just outside Petaluma, CA. ([lifteconomy.com](http://lifteconomy.com))



**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 years in government in Portland, OR, and also has 20 years' experience in dance and music performance and 35 years' practicing yoga and mindfulness. ([haasinstitute.berkeley.edu](http://haasinstitute.berkeley.edu))



**Jade Begay** (Diné and Tesuque Pueblo), a multimedia artist, is the Communications and Digital Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) and Senior Producer at IEN's Indigenous Rising Media project. Prior to IEN, Jade was a Multimedia Producer with 350.org and a Justice and Sustainability Communications Fellow with Resource Media. ([ienearth.org](http://ienearth.org))



**Brennan Blazer Bird**, Garden and Sustainability Educator at Alta Vista School in San Francisco, is an ecological educator and natural builder who 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 working on starting a mobile ecological learning kitchen classroom. ([earthbench.org](http://earthbench.org), [solutioncraft.org](http://solutioncraft.org))



**May Boeve** is the Executive Director of 350.org, an international climate change campaign whose creative communications, organizing and mass mobilizations strive to generate the sense of urgency required to tackle the climate crisis. Previously, May cofounded the Step It Up 2007 campaign, and prior to that was active in the campus climate movement while a student at Middlebury College. She is co-author of *Fight Global Warming Now*. ([350.org](http://350.org))



**Cat Brooks**, an "artist," mother, community leader and co-founder of the Anti Police-Terror Project, whose mission is to rapidly respond to and eradicate state violence in communities of color, is the Executive Director of the Justice Teams Network, a California statewide project that supports organizations working to radically transform the way communities of color are policed through organizing, communications and policy. ([justiceteams.org](http://justiceteams.org))



**Stephen Brooks**, a Costa Rican resident since 1995, is one of the key organizers of the renowned annual Envision Festival held in that country. He is also the founder of: Punta Mona Center of Regenerative Design & Botanical Studies; and La Ecovilla, a 45-acre, thriving community featuring state-of-the-art ecological technologies, inhabited by 44 families from 25 countries, including 45 children in the community's school. ([envisionfestival.com](http://envisionfestival.com), [puntamona.org](http://puntamona.org))



**Ellen Brown**, an attorney and leading public banking advocate, founder of the Public Banking Institute and Senior Fellow of the Democracy Collaborative, is the author of hundreds of articles and 12+ books, including the best-selling *Web of Debt*, *The Public Bank Solution* and the upcoming *Banking on the People*. She also co-hosts the "It's Our Money" radio program on PRN.FM. ([ellenbrown.com](http://ellenbrown.com), [publicbankinginstitute.org](http://publicbankinginstitute.org))



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

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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)



**Marti Burbeck**, director of communications at her local church for the past 18 years, is the co-driving force (with her husband Tom) of Burh Becc at Beacon Springs, only the second Living Building Challenge certified “Living Building” in the world when completed in 2017. The house is connected to a permaculture farm and will serve as an educational forum in sustainable building and farming as well as the Burbecks’ dwelling. (beaconsprings.org)



**Tom Burbeck**, principal of a software firm serving publishers worldwide, drew from his lifelong love of architecture to co-develop (with his wife Marti) Burh Becc at

Beacon Springs, only the second Living Building Challenge certified “Living Building” in the world when completed in 2017. The house is connected to a permaculture farm and will serve as an educational forum in sustainable building and farming as well as the Burbecks’ dwelling. (beaconsprings.org)



**Shakti Butler**, Ph.D., an educator, filmmaker, lecturer, facilitator and trainer is the founder and President of World Trust Educational Services, Inc.,

an educational non-profit that produces films, curricula, workshops and programs intended to be catalysts for institutional, structural and cultural change. Shakti has produced several documentaries, including: *The Way Home*; *Mirrors of Privilege*; *Making Whiteness Visible*; *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity*, and, most recently, *Healing Justice*. (world-trust.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)



**Anneke Campbell** has worked as a midwife, nurse, yoga teacher, English professor, poet and scriptwriter. She recently co-authored (with Thomas

Linzey) *We The People: Stories from the Community Rights Movement in the U.S.* and co-edited (with Nina Simons) *Moonrise: The Power of Women Leading from the Heart* and co-produced with her husband Jeremy Kagan the dramatic feature film, *Shot*, which she also scripted.



**Maya Carlson**, the new coordinator/facilitator of Bioneers’ Youth Leadership Program, has an academic background in International

Affairs and Anthropology and has worked in environmental education, regenerative agriculture, youth mentorship, community organizing, and social entrepreneurship. Prior to Bioneers, Maya worked as an organizer for the California Trade Justice Coalition, an alliance of labor, environmental and human rights groups advocating for more equitable trade agreements. (bioneers.org)



**Caroline W Casey**, “Chief Trickster” at Coyote Network News (the “mythological news service”) and renowned “weaver of context” for the immensely

popular Visionary Activist Show on Pacifica Network radio for the past 23 years, has been a presenter/performer at Bioneers for 20 years and speaks at a wide range of gatherings nationally and globally. She is the author of: *Making the Gods Work for You*. (coyotenetworknews.com)



**Mohamad A. Chakaki**, a Senior Fellow at both the Center for Whole Communities and the Environmental Leadership Program and a co-founder of the

DC Green Muslims Network, has worked with the Peace Corps in Central Africa, the U.N. in Syria, and numerous environmental planning and community development projects in the U.S. and in the Middle East. (wholecommunities.org)



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**Edna Chavez**, an 18-year old activist from South Central Los Angeles and an entering freshman at Cal State LA, has lost many friends and family member to gun violence. She was a key participant in the March for Our Lives event and has become a leading gun control advocate and student voter registration organizer.



**Shilpi Chhotray** is the Senior Communications Officer for the Break Free From Plastic global movement. Prior to joining Break Free From Plastic, Shilpi worked at Mission Blue/Sylvia Earle Alliance building public support for global networks of marine protected areas. She's also the founder of Samudra Skin & Sea, a plant-based skincare line featuring wild harvested, local seaweed. ([breakfreefromplastic.org](http://breakfreefromplastic.org))



**Peggy Chu**, a San Francisco-based licensed architect and Biomimicry Professional specializing in sustainable design, is a dynamic advocate for and workshop leader in Biomimicry practices, as well as a green building certification consultant and university researcher in the life cycle analysis of building construction methods. Peggy's architectural work includes integrating green building practices into international projects throughout the Asia Pacific region.



**Dekila Chungyalpa**, Associate Research Scientist at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (and McCluskey Fellowship awardee) is an influential environmental leader and pioneer in bridging the worlds of religion and conservation. Born in Sikkim, Dekila has over 15 years' experience in conservation work, starting in her own Himalayan region, then launching the World Wildlife Fund's Sacred Earth initiative, which seeks to create faith-based environmental stewardship across the world. ([environment.yale.edu](http://environment.yale.edu))



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



**Karen Cowe**, MBA, the CEO of Ten Strands, a San Francisco-based nonprofit dedicated to bringing environmental literacy to all of California's 6.2 million K-12 students, is also Project Director of its Environmental Literacy Steering Committee. An education-industry executive with 25+ years' experience, she was formerly President/CEO at Key Curriculum Press. ([tenstrands.org](http://tenstrands.org))



**Emergildo Criollo**, a member of the Kofán nation whose people and family suffered horrific tragedy as a result of the Texaco oil company's devastation of their ancestral lands, co-founded the Ceibo Alliance along with members of three other indigenous nations. Currently Treasurer of the alliance, Emergildo is working tirelessly to build a united indigenous movement for cultural survival and territorial protection in the western Amazon. ([amazonfrontlines.org/who/partners/](http://amazonfrontlines.org/who/partners/))



**Patrisse Cullors**, a Los Angeles native artist, organizer and scholar who, in 2013, co-founded #BlackLivesMatter, which has grown into an international organization with dozens of chapters fighting anti-Black racism, has won many awards including The Sydney Peace Prize Award (2017) and Black Woman of the Year Award (2015) from The National Congress of Black Women. She recently produced a series of theatrical pieces: *Power: From the Mouths of the Occupied*. ([patrissecullors.com](http://patrissecullors.com))



**Anna Cummins**, co-founder and Global Strategy Director of the 5 Gyres Institute, a non-profit dedicated to ending plastic pollution, has 20+ years' experience in environmental activism, including in: marine conservation, coastal watershed management, community relations, and bilingual sustainability education. Her "Synthetic Sea, Synthetic Me" TEDx talk has been viewed and shared by thousands. ([5gyres.org](http://5gyres.org))

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**Carrie "Cc" Sage Curley**, raised and residing in San Carlos/Peridot, Arizona, is an artist specializing in live painting, murals, and commissioned work.

She is also an arts educator and workshop leader focused on mentoring young people as well as an activist in the effort to save the sacred "Apache Stronghold" at Oak Flat from desecration at the hands of the mining industry.



**Malkia A. Cyril**, founder/ Executive Director of the Center for Media Justice and co-founder of the Media Action Grassroots Network, is one of few leaders of

color in the movement for digital rights and freedom, as well as a leader in the Black Lives Matter Network. Cyril is also a prolific writer and public speaker on issues ranging from net neutrality to the communication rights of prisoners. ([centerformediajustice.org](http://centerformediajustice.org))



**Erik Davis**, Ph.D., a San Francisco-based author, award-winning journalist and independent scholar, has written for scores of publications, journals,

and academic volumes. His books include: *Nomad Codes: Adventures in Modern Esoterica*; *Techgnosis: Myth, Magic, and Mysticism in the Age of Information*, and *The Visionary State: A Journey Through California's Spiritual Landscape*. Erik also explores the "cultures of consciousness" on his weekly podcast, *Expanding Mind*. ([techgnosis.com](http://techgnosis.com))



**Gopal Dayaneni**, a dedicated activist since the 1980s with experience in a wide range of movements and struggles, currently serves on the planning

committee of Movement Generation's Justice and Ecology Project; is a trainer with The Ruckus Society; and serves on the boards of: The Center for Story-based Strategy, The Working World, ETC-group.org, and Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. ([movementgeneration.org](http://movementgeneration.org))



**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. ([indigenouclimateaction.com](http://indigenouclimateaction.com))



**The Destiny Arts Youth Performance Company** (DAYPC), a program of Destiny Arts Center, an Oakland-based violence prevention/arts

education nonprofit, is a multicultural group of teens that creates original performance art combining hip-hop, dance, theater, martial arts, song, and rap. The company 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))



**Leonard Diggs** manages SRJC Shone Farm, a 365-acre self-sustaining college farm that has annual and perennial crops, a winery, livestock and a mixed

species forest. Leonard has been farming diversified organic and sustainable crops, including heirloom grains, in northern California for 30+ years and has also volunteered on numerous agricultural committees and boards and has taught a wide range of agricultural classes. ([shonefarm.santarosa.edu](http://shonefarm.santarosa.edu))



**Abigail Dillen**, an attorney, Vice President of Litigation for Climate & Energy at Earthjustice, the U.S.'s original and largest nonprofit environmental law organization,

leads its litigation and legal advocacy efforts to achieve the shift from fossil fuels to 100% clean energy. Formerly Managing Attorney of Earthjustice's coal program, she has litigated many high profile, precedent-setting cases. ([earthjustice.org](http://earthjustice.org))



**Eric Dinerstein** studied rhinos and tigers in Nepal and fruit bats in Costa Rica during his 25 years as Chief Scientist at the World Wildlife Fund. Currently Director

of WildTech and the Biodiversity and Wildlife Solutions Program at RESOLVE and Senior Science Advisor to the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, Leonard also works in Africa on poaching prevention

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projects and is the author of the middle-grade novel, *What Elephants Know*. (resolv.org)



**Zachary Draves**, a student at Illinois' Aurora University and a Domestic Violence Community Educator in suburban Chicago, is a community activist involved with several local groups, including: Indivisible Aurora, the Aurora Immigration Liberation Alliance, and the Aurora Human Rights Commission. He also chairs the Subcommittee on Race in College Athletics and blogs for the National Association of Social Workers in Sports website.



**Kristy Drutman**, a recent UC Berkeley graduate, is currently a California Digital Campaigner with 350.org. A mixed race Filipina American and environmental activist passionate about increasing diversity and inclusion in the movement, she co-founded the Students of Color Environmental Collective at UC Berkeley and created her own podcast and media series, *Brown Girl Green*. (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 22 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)



**Della Duncan**, an economist committed to using that discipline to support individuals, organizations, and communities seeking to transition to a more sustainable and just world, is a partner of the Eurasia Learning Institute, a Gross National Happiness trainer, a lecturer at the Economics for Transition Masters program at Schumacher College, and the host of the *Upstream Podcast*. (elihw.org, upstreampodcast.org)



**Elizabeth Dvoskin** has been reporting from Silicon Valley since 2013. She was the Wall Street Journal's first full-time beat reporter covering big data and artificial intelligence. In 2016, she joined *The Washington*

*Post* as Silicon Valley Correspondent, becoming the paper's eyes and ears in the region and in the wider world of tech. (washingtonpost.com)



**Alexander Eaton**, the Mexico City-based co-founder of Sistema.bio, a social business addressing climate change, food security, and poverty around the world by providing technology development, training, and financing of sustainable waste-to-resources infrastructure for small farmers, is an Ashoka Fellow and a Switzer Environmental Leadership Fellow who holds degrees in journalism and environmental engineering. (sistemabiobolsa.com)



**Tom Elliott**, an early advocate of sustainable agriculture and organic farming practices on his Montana cattle ranch, is also a green building pioneer, having co-built (with his former wife) the first residence in the world to achieve full certification under the Living Building Challenge. He has been involved in the effort to understand and encourage sustainable and regenerative community practices for over thirty years. (desertrainhouse.com)



**John Feldman**, the Director of *Symbiotic Earth* (portions of which are being screened at Bioneers this year), is a critically acclaimed filmmaker whose career spans 40+ years and a wide range of genres. An avid naturalist, he met Lynn Margulis when he was making *EVO: Ten Questions Everyone Should Ask about Evolution*. His many award-winning films include: *Who the Hell is Bobby Roos?*; *Dead Funny*; and *Alligator Eyes*. (hummingbirdfilms.com)



**Barbara Fields**, Ph.D., is Executive Director of The Association for Global New Thought. Co-founder and Project Director of The Gandhi King Seasons for Peace and Nonviolence, the Synthesis Dialogues I, II, and III with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and omni-local initiatives for the Harvard-based Abraham Walk Initiative in the Middle East, she previously served as Program Director for the Parliament of the World's Religions. (agnt.org)



**Joshua Sheridan Fouts**, Bioneers Executive Director, is a globally recognized media innovator and social entrepreneur

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known for his visionary work facilitating meaningful understanding between cultures. With a background in anthropology, Joshua has worked with peoples of Malaysia, Africa, and the Amazon, governments and universities in over 20 countries, and innovators and engaged citizens worldwide. ([bioneers.org](#))



**Cooper Freeman**, Program Manager at the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center (OAEC), studied Environmental History at UC Santa Barbara, Agro-ecology

with Vandana Shiva in India, and Permaculture Design at OAEC. His recent projects include co-leading the passage of a California law legalizing seed exchanges, working with the largest peasant movement in Haiti on seed sovereignty, and leading the Evolutionary Wheat Breeding Project at OAEC. ([oaec.org](#))



**Danielle Fugere** J.D. is President and Chief Counsel of As You Sow, the nation's leading non-profit organization seeking

“to harness shareholder power to create lasting change that benefits people, planet, and profit.” Danielle was previously Executive Director of the Environmental Law Foundation and before that Western Regional Program Director for Friends of the Earth. ([asyouwow.org](#))



**Samara Gaev**, founder/Director of Truthworker Theatre Company and Senior Fellow in Program Design and Facilitation for Center for Whole Communities, is a New

York-based activist, educator, facilitator, and performer whose work has taken her to many countries and around the U.S. using performance as a tool for cross-cultural healing, social change, and to challenge constructions of power and privilege. ([truthworker.com](#))



**Monica Gagliano**, a pioneer in the new field of Plant Bioacoustics, is a Research Associate Professor in Evolutionary Ecology and a Research Affiliate at the

Sydney Environment Institute at the University of Sydney. The author of numerous groundbreaking scientific articles on animal and plant behavior and evolutionary ecology, she co-edited *The Green Thread: Dialogues with the Vegetal* and authored the upcoming: *Thus Spoke the Plant: Remarkable Encounters at the Frontier where Scientific Insight and Plant Wisdom Meet*. ([monicagagliano.com](#))



**Jacqueline Martinez Garcel**, CEO of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF), has, at LCF, helped create one of the largest networks of civically engaged

Latino philanthropists in the country, led highly effective Latino voter engagement campaigns and collaborated with Google to launch the first Latino Non-Profit Accelerator. Previously Vice President of the New York State Health Foundation, Jacqueline has served on many boards and currently co-chairs the National Latino Funds Alliance. ([latinocf.org](#))



**Kyle Garner** is CEO of Organic India USA, a leading mission-driven manufacturer of herb-based wellness teas and functional herbal supplements that is a

certified B Corporation dedicated to Fair Trade practices and the highest ethical standards. He formerly served as CEO of New Chapter, Inc., the first supplement brand to achieve full line non-GMO project verification, leading it in its successful effort to achieve B Corp certification. ([organicindiausa.com](#))



**Jodie Geddes**, the Community Organizing Coordinator at Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth, uses techniques drawn from speculative fiction, theatre,

and other arts to encourage storytelling and action planning for systems-change among youth. She is also the Project Coordinator for the Truth-Telling Racial Healing and Reparations Mapping Initiative, which seeks to create a Truth and Reconciliation process to address violence against African Americans. ([rjoakland.org](#))



**Hilary Giovale** is a 9th generation American settler of Scots-Irish and Scandinavian descent whose work is shaped by her relationships with Indigenous

people and worldviews and who is committed to healing historical divides. A mother, dancer, writer, filmmaker and philanthropist, she lives rooted in family and community at the base of a mountain sacred to 13 tribes on the land now known as Flagstaff, Arizona. ([bellyroles.com](#))



**Tom B.K. Goldtooth**, Executive Director of the Minnesota-headquartered Indigenous Environmental Network, a social change activist for 36+ years,



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globally recognized as an environmental and climate justice leader, works with Indigenous communities around the world to help them defend their rights and has launched a campaign to apply traditional Indigenous knowledge to help humanity make the transition from an extractive, destructive economy to a sustainable, “living economy.” ([iearth.org](http://iearth.org), [indigenoustrising.org](http://indigenoustrising.org))



**Lisa Gray-Garcia** (aka “Tiny”), at one time un-housed and incarcerated, is a journalist, poet, educator and co-founder of: POOR Magazine/Prensa POBRE;

Escuela de la gente/PeopleSkool; the Deecolonize Academy; and a number of other projects. Co-editor of *A Decolonizers Guide to A Humble Revolution*, she is the author of *Criminal of Poverty: Growing Up Homeless in America* as well as 200+ stories and blogs on racism, poverty, and incarceration. ([poormagazine.org](http://poormagazine.org), [lisatinygraygarcia.com](http://lisatinygraygarcia.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))



**Nick Guroff**, the Deputy Director of Communications and Foundation Relations at the NGO, Corporate Accountability, began his advocacy work as a Field Orga-

nizer for Green Corps, a Field Manager with MoveOn PAC, and as the California organizer for the National Environmental Trust (NET), where he effectively advocated for the passage of landmark children’s environmental health protections. He has a background in Radio/TV/Film, Slavic Languages and Journalism. ([corporateaccountability.org](http://corporateaccountability.org))



**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.com](http://weavingearth.com))



**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.com](http://weavingearth.com))



**Rachel Hahs** is a Certified Biomimicry Professional focused on driving life-centered, economically sound, sustainable design solutions in strategy,

innovation and systems. Building on 13 years’ experience in sustainability consulting for public and private sector clients, she consults, researches and writes about how Biomimicry can result in disruptive innovations with cascading system impacts that will accelerate our transition to a sustainable future. ([rachelhahs.com](http://rachelhahs.com))



**Staci K. Haines**, founder of “Generative Somatics” and a national leader in bringing transformative practice to serve social and environmental justice

movements, has integrated her extensive experience in Somatics, social movements, and transforming individual and social trauma into uniquely powerful work. She is the author of *Healing Sex: A Mind Body Approach to Healing Sexual Trauma* and numerous articles. ([strozziinstitute.com](http://strozziinstitute.com))



**Diana Hammer**, whose life mission is to help create resilient communities, locally attuned and well adapted to their place, serves on Arizona State University’s

Biomimicry Center Advisory Board, and is an EPA Life Scientist working with tribal governments, including on a major dam removal and river restoration project. Also active in her hometown in Montana, she serves on her city’s Conservation Committee. ([biomimicrycollaborative.org](http://biomimicrycollaborative.org))

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**Suzan Shown Harjo** (Cheyenne & Hodulgee Muscogee), President of The Morning Star Institute and columnist for Indian Country Today, is a globally renowned,

multi award-winning (including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor) poet, writer, lecturer, curator, activist, and policy advocate who, since the 1960s, has worked tirelessly to help Native Peoples protect sacred places, recover a million+ acres of land and defend their sovereignty and cultures.



**Jay Harman**, an entrepreneur who has developed a number of successful companies, is President and CEO of Pax Scientific. Earlier in his career he

founded and led ERG Australia Ltd, which he took to a highly successful IPO. Harman, who has extensive experience in technology licensing and is the author of numerous patents, is the author of *The Shark's Paintbrush: Biomimicry and How Nature is Inspiring Innovation*. (paxscientific.com, thesharkspaintbrush.com)



**J.P. Harpignies**, Bioneers Senior Producer, affiliated with Bioneers since 1990, is a Brooklyn, NYC-based consultant, conference producer, copy-editor and

writer. A former Program Director at the New York Open Center and a senior review team member for the Buckminster Fuller Challenge from 2010 to 2017, he has authored or edited several books, including *Political Ecosystems*, *Delusions of Normality*, *Visionary Plant Consciousness*, and, most recently, *Animal Encounters*.



**Trathen Heckman**, founder/Director of the NGO, Daily Acts (dedicated to “helping people and groups reclaim the power of their actions to regenerate self, nature

and community”), serves on the boards of Transition U.S. and the California Water Efficiency Partnership and is on the advisory board of the Norcal Community Resilience Network. Trathen lives in the Petaluma River Watershed where he grows food and medicine. (dailyacts.org)



**Prentis Hemphill**, formerly the Healing Justice Director at Black Lives Matter and currently a teacher of Somatics with the groups Generative Somatics and

Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity, is a facilitator and teacher working at the convergence of healing, individual and collective transformation, community empowerment, and political organizing. (prentishemphill.com)



**Ilmay Ho**, Executive Director of Resource Generation (which “organizes young people with wealth and class privilege in the U.S. to become transformative

leaders working towards the equitable distribution of wealth, land and power”), was previously Director of Operations and Finance at The Management Center. Active in the Washington, DC queer Asian American community, Ilmay helped organize the region's first grassroots queer Asian American giving circle. (resourcegeneration.org)



**Dean Hoaglin**, a descendant of the Hukuiko band of Coast Miwoks of Marin County and the Big Valley Band of Pomo of Lake County on his maternal side and

Mendocino Wailakis and Yukis on his paternal side, trained in traditional teachings and practices by family elders from a young age, is currently a private consultant working to share the benefits of Indigenous cultural restoration.



**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)



**Theresa Huck**, the On-Tour Sales Manager of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival (WSFF), is a social entrepreneur who combines her passion for the

environment with extensive experience in sales, business management and public relations. A number of the WSFF's 2018 winning short films are being shown at Bioneers this year. (wildandscenicfilmfestival.org)

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**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/](https://facebook.com/TatuVision/))



**Rob Jackson**, an Oakland-based community leader, educator, and hip-hop artist with 20 years' experience working in the social service field, is founder and Executive Director of Beats, Rhymes and Life, which pioneered one of the first hip hop therapy programs for at-risk youth. He speaks regularly at conferences and offers trainings and workshops about best practices developed by Beats, Rhymes and Life. ([brl-inc.org](http://brl-inc.org))



**Charlie Jiang**, a U.S. policy analyst at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) who advocates for just climate solutions at the state and federal level, was a key SustainUS youth delegate to the 2017 U.N. climate negotiations. Charlie organizes locally for climate justice in Washington, DC with 350 DC and received a 2017 Brower Youth Award for co-leading a #NoDAPL divestment campaign in DC. ([edf.org](http://edf.org))



**Ariel Jimenez**, born in Mexico but raised in East San Jose, was able to overcome many barriers to graduate from San Jose State with a double major in Psychology and Sociology in 2013. Ariel currently serves as the Network and Program Coordinator for the National Compadres Network, bringing culturally relevant services to marginalized young and adult men in historically disenfranchised but promising communities. ([nationalcompadresnetwork.org](http://nationalcompadresnetwork.org))



**Michael Johnson** is the Colorado-based Assistant Director of Development at the Native American Rights Fund, a non-profit that uses existing laws and treaties to ensure that governments live up to their legal obligations. A citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota, Michael has

worked for the last decade in the Native nonprofit sector, engaging key stakeholders in philanthropy in Indian Country and beyond. ([narf.org](http://narf.org))



**Trebbe Johnson**, founder/ Director of Radical Joy for Hard Times, a global network devoted to finding beauty in wounded places, leads workshops and wilderness trips worldwide devoted to the discovery of wisdom and insight in nature. She is the author of: *Radical Joy for Hard Times*, *101 Ways to Make Guerrilla Beauty*, and *The World Is a Waiting Lover*. ([radicaljoyforhardtimes.org](http://radicaljoyforhardtimes.org))



**Wendy Johnson**, a Zen Buddhist meditation and organic agriculture practitioner and teacher for 40+ years, co-founded the organic farming program at Green Gulch Farm Zen Center, advised the now renowned Edible Schoolyard Project, and was a founding instructor of the College of Marin's Organic Farm and Gardening Project. The writer of a multiple award-winning gardening column in Tricycle Magazine since 1995, Wendy is the author of *Gardening at the Dragon's Gate*. ([gardeningatthedragonsgate.com](http://gardeningatthedragonsgate.com))



**Lyla June** is a poet, musician, anthropologist, educator, public speaker and community organizer of Diné, Cheyenne and European lineages who has addressed audiences across the globe with a message of personal, collective and ecological healing. She blends studies in Human Ecology at Stanford, graduate work in Indigenous Pedagogy, and the traditional worldview she grew up with to inform her perspectives and solutions. ([dreamwarriors.co](http://dreamwarriors.co))



**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))

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## **Elizabeth and Paul Kaiser**

jointly operate Singing Frogs Farm in Sebastopol, CA. They drew from their background in tropical agro-forestry, natural resource management and public health in West Africa, Central America and Northern California, to develop Singing Frogs Farm's innovative, multi-award winning intensive, no-till, ecological management system, a highly successful model they are now teaching locally and internationally. ([singingfrogsfarm.com](http://singingfrogsfarm.com))



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

Chocolate 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. ([fireflychocolate.com](http://fireflychocolate.com))



## **Rajiv Khanna** is the Director of Philanthropic Partnerships at Thousand Currents, a social justice-oriented non-profit that funds grassroots groups led by women, youth, and Indigenous peoples in the Global South. His many responsibilities include: strategy development and execution, resource mobilization, building solidarity-based learning partnerships with grassroots groups in the Global South, and overseeing donor engagement. ([thousandcurrents.org](http://thousandcurrents.org))



## **Amy Korngiebel**, the Director of Distribution for the progressive documentary company, Brave New Films, has 10+ years' experience in television and has

produced Emmy and Peabody award-winning documentaries and talk shows for a variety of networks, including ABC, Discovery, and National Geographic. Amy also has a background in international development, including work at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and with UCP Wheels for Humanity. ([bravenewfilms.org](http://bravenewfilms.org))



## **David Kroodsmas**, the Research Director at Global Fishing Watch, manages collaborations with 11 institutions to use big data and machine learning to answer

critical questions about marine biology, economics, and policy. David also spent three years of his life traveling by bicycle and described his journey in his award-winning 2014 book, *The Bicycle Diaries: My 21,000-mile ride for the climate*. ([globalfishingwatch.org](http://globalfishingwatch.org))



## **Melina Laboucan-Massimo** (Lubicon Cree), a Fellow at the David Suzuki Foundation and vocal advocate for Indigenous rights and environmental justice

for 15+ years, was formerly a Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada and the Indigenous Environmental Network. Melina also works on the issue of murdered and missing Indigenous women in Canada and serves on the board or steering committee of: 350.org; Indigenous Climate Action; Energy Futures Lab, and Seeding Sovereignty. ([lubiconsolar.ca](http://lubiconsolar.ca))



## **Osprey Orielle Lake**, founder/ Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network 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.



## **John Lanier** is the Executive Director of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation, a private family foundation created and funded by its namesake, the late environ-



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mental champion and founder of Interface, Inc. Through his work with the Foundation, John carries his grandfather's legacy forward, seeking to create a healthier, more environmentally sustainable world for Tomorrow's Child. ([raycandersonfoundation.org](http://raycandersonfoundation.org))



**Timothy J. LaSalle, Ph.D.**, co-founder and Co-Director of the Regenerative Agriculture Initiative at CSU Chico and Professor Emeritus at California Polytechnic

University, was formerly President/CEO of the California Agriculture Leadership Program. His past positions included: first CEO of the Rodale Institute; Executive Director of the Allan Savory Center for Holistic Management; and Research Coordinator for the Howard Buffett Foundation in Africa, focusing on soils and food security. ([csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/aginitiative/](http://csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/aginitiative/))



**Raquel Lavina**, Deputy Director of the National Domestic Worker's Alliance ("the nation's leading voice for dignity and fairness for the millions of

domestic workers in the U.S."), has 25+ years' organizing experience, including as: a specialist in youth organizing; Deputy Director of Social Justice Leadership at the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights; a teacher of generative somatics and a board member of the Generative Somatics organization. ([domesticworkers.org](http://domesticworkers.org))



**Kenneth Lee**, co-founder/co-owner Lotus Foods, Inc., a natural foods company that pioneered the introduction of heirloom, organic and specialty

rice varieties to U.S. consumers, has developed extensive personal and capacity-building relationships with the company's suppliers throughout the world. He is a founding member of the Whole Grain Council, a member of Social Venture Network and participated in the 2008 Clinton Global Initiative's poverty alleviation track. ([lotusfoods.com](http://lotusfoods.com))



**Kyle Lemle**, founder and Co-Director of the Oakland-based musical ensemble, Thrive Choir, is a community forester, musician and Environmental Justice

organizer. He also co-founded LeadtoLife.org, which transforms guns into shovels used in ceremonial tree plantings at sites impacted by violence in Oakland, Atlanta and 25+ cities. Kyle

also serves as a SustainUS Youth Delegate and was a People's Delegate to the UN Climate Talks. ([leadtolife.org](http://leadtolife.org))



**Amy Lenzo** seeks to foster conscious online engagement in ways that connect us with ourselves, each other, and the natural world in her work with weDialogue and the World Cafe. She has served as Director of Learning Programs and Community Steward for the World Cafe Community Foundation since 2004. ([wedialogue.com](http://wedialogue.com); [theworldcafe.com](http://theworldcafe.com))



**Annie Leonard**, a longtime dedicated activist, is the Executive Director of Greenpeace USA, which uses research, communication, non-violent

direct action and people-power to advance environmental solutions. She is also the world-renowned creator of *The Story of Stuff*, the highly influential web-film exposing the massive hidden costs of our consumer-driven culture that has generated 40 million+ views in 200+ countries, one of the most viral online environmental-themed films to-date. ([greenpeace.org](http://greenpeace.org))



**Jayden Lim (Pomo)**, a high school senior skilled in GIS software, business planning, and Pomo language documentation (and also a DJ since age 11!),

serves as a Tribal Youth Ambassador (TYA) for the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center. Jayden spoke at the Obama White House ceremony honoring the TYA program and is currently working to make California switch Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. ([cimcc.org](http://cimcc.org))



**Waniya Locke**, of Ahtna Dene, Dakota, Lakota and Anishinaabe ancestry, is a LLEAP Student from Sitting Bull College and the University of South Dakota. A

mother of three who currently resides on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, she has been a practicing Doula for two years and has been studying the Lakota language, Lakotiyapi, for 8 years.



**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

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15+ 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, thebutterflymovement.com)



**Conrad MacKerron**, Senior Vice President at As You Sow, a non-profit promoting corporate social responsibility, has 10+ years' experience managing shareholder advocacy initiatives on social and environmental issues, including: sustainable packaging, electronic waste recycling, and supply chain labor practices. Formerly Director of Social Research at Piper Jaffray Philanthropic & Social Investment Consulting, he is the author of: *Business in the Rainforests: Corporations, Deforestation and Sustainability*. (asyousow.org)



**Grandmother Josephine Mandamin** (Wiwkwemikong/Anishinaabe), Commissioner of the Women's Water Commission for the Anishinabek Nation, has

30+ years' experience fighting for her people's rights. One of the founders of the Great Lakes Mother Earth Water Walk, she has, since 2003, walked around the five Great Lakes with her supporters to raise awareness of the critical state of the region's waters. (motherearthwaterwalk.com)



**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)



**Mari Margil**, Associate Director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, leads the organization's International Center for the Rights of Nature.

She assisted Ecuador in drafting Rights of Nature constitutional provisions and works today in Nepal, India, Colombia and other countries to advance the Rights of Nature. She has contributed to several books, including: *The Public Health or the Bottom*

*Line and Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence*. (celdf.org)



**Jason Mark**, the Editor-in-Chief of Sierra (the national magazine of the Sierra Club), has written for many leading publications including: The NY Times, The

Nation, and ScientificAmerican.com, and is author of the book, *Satellites in the High Country: Searching for the Wild in the Age of Man*. Jason also co-founded San Francisco's largest urban farm. (sierramagazine.org)



**Doniga Markegard**, author of *Dawn Again: Tracking the Wisdom of the Wild*, has extensive backgrounds in wildlife tracking, wilderness survival and Permacul-

ture. 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)



**Theresa Marquez**, a passionate advocate for organic food and farming since 1978, a pioneer of the natural foods movement, served 17 years as Organic Valley

Cooperative's Chief Marketing Executive, 5 years as its Mission Executive, and recently became its Mission Ambassador. A host of the Rootstock Radio podcast, Theresa continually advocates for good food and farming excellence. (organicvalley.coop)



**Rupa Marya**, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at UCSF, Faculty Director of the Do No Harm Coalition and a leading figure at the intersection of

medicine and social justice, investigates the health effects of police violence on communities through The Justice Study and is helping set up the Mni Wiconi free community clinic under Lakota leadership at Standing Rock. She is also the leader of the internationally touring band, Rupa and the April Fishes. (donoharmcoalition.org)



**Izumi Masukawa**, Ph.D., a native of Japan with a doctorate in nutrition and bio-electronics from Michigan State, was formerly Director of the American

Micro Cluster Lab, where she researched unique

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methods of water treatment, such as electromagnetic resonance. Currently focused on studying the mysteries of sounds, she has authored several books including *Life Tuning*.



**Leah Mata Fragua** (yak titt'u titt'u Northern Chumash) is a consultant, artist, and Adjunct Professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Her work is

focused on projects that aim to give greater voice and visibility to her tribal community and that seek to find creative ways to sustain traditional arts. (iaia.edu)



**Kami McBride**, author of *The Herbal Kitchen*, has taught experiential herbal programs focused on sustainable wellness practices and revitalizing our

relationship with the plant world for over 25 years. Her popular online courses empower people to use herbal medicine in their daily lives for home wellness care. (livingawareness.com)



**Ginny McGinn**, Executive Director of the Vermont-based Center for Whole Communities, has decades of experience building transformative

partnerships across lines of power and privilege and facilitates and consults on organizational change around the country. Ginny, who has been described as a “radical change midwife,” was previously President of Bioneers, and before that a District Marketing Manager for Odwalla Juice Co. in the early days of that firm. (wholecommunities.org)



**Lindley Mease** coordinates the Grassroots Climate Solutions Fund at Thousand Currents, mobilizing funders to collaboratively give to climate justice

movements in the Global South and also co-founded and co-directs Blue Heart, an organization that organizes tech millennial donors to give to frontline organizations in the U.S. Prior to Blue Heart, Lindley was a Senior Research Analyst at Stanford University’s Woods Institute for the Environment. (blueheartaction.org)



**Vincent Medina** is an enrolled member of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe, where he also serves as a Councilman representing his family’s lineage. Vincent and Louis

Trevino (Rumsen Ohlone) co-founded Mak’amham, an organization and restaurant focused on reviving and strengthening traditional Ohlone foods and sharing them back with their communities. Vincent was born and continues to live in his family’s indigenous tribal area of Halkin (Southern Oakland/San Leandro/San Lorenzo). (makamham.com)



**Ilarion Mercurieff**, who served his people, the Bering Sea’s Unangan (Aleut), and other indigenous peoples locally, nationally, and internationally in a wide range of

major leadership capacities for 40+ years, is currently President of Seven Generations Consulting and of the Global Center for Indigenous Leadership and Lifeways. Ilarion recently chaired the indigenous knowledge sessions at the Global Summit of Indigenous Peoples on Climate Change. (gcill.org/larry-mercurieff)



**Natalie Metz**, Assistant Professor of Integrative Health Studies at CIIS’ School of Professional Psychology and Health, is a Naturopathic Doctor

in practice in Oakland. With a diverse background in many disciplines including botanical medicine, midwifery, philosophy and medicinal chemistry, she is widely regarded as a leading figure in the field of Naturopathy.



**Daphne Miller**, MD, a family physician and Associate Clinical Professor at UCSF, has been an internationally renowned pioneer in studying the connections

between food production, ecology and health for 15 years. Founder of WholefamilyMD, San Francisco’s first integrative primary care practice, she serves as an advisor and/or board member to a number of non-profits and is the author of many articles and two books, including, most recently, the highly influential *Farmacology: Total Health from the Ground Up*. (drdaphne.com)



**Erika Minkowsky**, a certified doula, chef and herbalist who apprenticed with top sustainability-oriented chefs as well as renowned healers in the Jewish

and Mexican folk traditions and indigenous medicine teachers in Latin America, has committed her life to the healing and empowerment of mothers and families. She also has 10+ years’ experience as a labor organizer.

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**Rebecca Moore**, the multiple award-winning Director of Google Earth, leads the development of Google Earth Engine, a cloud technology platform that puts an unprecedented amount of satellite data online enabling scientists to conduct global-scale monitoring of the earth's environment. Rebecca also conceived and leads the Google Earth Outreach program, which supports nonprofits, educators and Indigenous communities in applying mapping tools to the world's most pressing problems in environmental conservation, human rights and cultural preservation. ([google.com](http://google.com))



**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](http://dynamicvitality.com))



**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 98). 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))



**Madhusudan Mysore**, Ph.D., a scientist and conservation activist who has 20+ years' experience studying interactions between people and large wild animals in southern India, manages the Nature Conservation Foundation, a nonprofit that strives for knowledge-based, socially-responsible nature conservation across India. ([ncf-india.org](http://ncf-india.org))



**Nemonte Nenquimo**, raised in the traditional Waorani community of Nemonpare in Ecuador, is one of the founding members of the indigenous organization Ceibo Alliance, which works to defend Indigenous people's lands and rights in the Ecuadorian Amazon region.

Nemonte is also passionately engaged in the struggle to uplift Indigenous women across the Amazon. ([alianzaceibo.org](http://alianzaceibo.org))



**Cristi Nozawa**, Executive Director of Samdhana Institute (an "An Asian Center for Social and Environmental Renewal" working in Indonesia, the Philippines and Mekong region), has had extensive experience working with governments and international organizations on conservation and protected areas, including as Regional Director of BirdLife International in Asia for 9 years and Regional Vice Chair of IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas for 10+ years. ([samdhana.org](http://samdhana.org))



**Terry Odendahl**, Ph.D., President/CEO of the Global Greengrants Fund, has worked for 40+ years to bridge the natural and human worlds. Her previous jobs have included: helming the National Network of Grantmakers; Program Officer at the Wyss Foundation; and teaching Anthropology at Georgetown, UC San Diego, and Yale. She is the co-author of four books on philanthropy and co-founded the Institute for Women's Policy Research and the Institute for Collaborative Change. ([greengrants.org](http://greengrants.org))



**Niki Okuk**, MBA, is the founder of Rco Tires, which has recycled more than 300 million pounds of rubber, diverting 70 million gallons of oil from landfills, making it one of California's largest sustainability plants (it's also one of its most progressive firms in its hiring and management practices). Okuk previously worked in Joseph Stiglitz's office and in finance in Korea and Singapore. ([rcotires.com](http://rcotires.com))



**Brian Parker**, an attorney, is the Legal Rights Defenders Program Coordinator at Amazon Frontlines. He has had the privilege of participating in a number of Indigenous communities' struggles for their rights as well as working with members of the Ceibo Alliance to design a comprehensive legal training program for indigenous youth with the goal of empowering Amazonian communities to use legal channels to defend their rights. ([amazonfrontlines.org](http://amazonfrontlines.org))



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**Hernan Payaguaje**, from the Siekopai community of San Pablo on the Aguarico River, comes from a long lineage of healers. One of the first of his people to attend

university, he is a founding member and Executive Director of the pan-tribal frontline Indigenous group, the Ceibo Alliance, fighting to prevent the ravages of extractive industries in the Amazon and for Indigenous people's land rights and cultural survival. ([amazonfrontlines.org/who/partners/](http://amazonfrontlines.org/who/partners/))



**Estrella D. Santiago Pérez**, J.D., is the Environmental Affairs Manager for the Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña, a groundbreaking urban

land trust project, which has organized a large, hitherto disenfranchised "informal" settlement in a polluted section of San Juan, Puerto Rico, into an exemplary self-governing entity working to clean its environment and develop a vibrant, resilient, socially just, sustainable community. ([martinpena.org](http://martinpena.org))



**Michael Pollan**, a contributing writer to *The New York Times Magazine* since 1987, Professor of Journalism at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism

and Director of the Knight Program in Science and Environmental Journalism, is one of the nation's most influential writers and scientific and environmental investigative journalists. His many award-winning, best-selling books include: *The Botany of Desire*; *The Omnivore's Dilemma*; *In Defense of Food*; and most recently, *How to Change Your Mind*. ([michaelpollan.com](http://michaelpollan.com))



**Kevin Powell**, a leading figure in the movement to redefine manhood and in contemporary American political, cultural and literary life as well as in the hip-hop

arena, is the product of a single mother, absent father and severe poverty in his youth. In spite of those challenges he has become an acclaimed, prolific writer, authoring 13 books, including his autobiography, *The Education of Kevin Powell: A Boy's Journey into Manhood*. ([kevinpowell.net](http://kevinpowell.net))



**Nicholas Powers**, Ph.D. is a poet, journalist, and Associate Professor of English at the State University of New York, Old Westbury. He is the author of *The*

*Ground Below Zero: 9/11 to Burning Man, New Orleans*

*to Darfur, Haiti to Occupy Wall Street and Theater of War*. His recent pieces on psychedelics, race, cultural diversity and global festival culture have drawn wide interest. ([nickpowerswriter.wordpress.com](http://nickpowerswriter.wordpress.com))



**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. ([queerecoproject.wixsite.com/qollective](http://queerecoproject.wixsite.com/qollective))



**Hillary Renick**, an enrolled member of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo as well as a descendant of the Hopland Shanel, Noyo River and Ft.

McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone indigenous communities, was raised in a traditional subsistence family in Mendocino County. She has worked in land-air-water-cultural resource-sacred site advocacy for 20+ years and has witnessed first hand changing ocean conditions creating a scarcity of traditional foods.



**Andrew Revkin**, one of America's most honored journalists and authors focused on environmental and human

sustainability, with 30+ years in the field (much of it at the *New York Times*), recently became Strategic Adviser for Environmental and Science Journalism at the *National Geographic Society*. One of the first reporters to cover climate change, starting in the 1980s, Revkin is also a performing songwriter/musician (and longtime accompanist of Pete Seeger). ([nationalgeographic.org](http://nationalgeographic.org))



**Coreal Riday-White**, J.D., the Community Engagement Manager for Our Children's Trust (OCT), a non-profit dedicated to "leading the game-chang-

ing, youth-driven, global climate recovery campaign to secure the legal right to a stable climate and healthy atmosphere," manages OCT's partnerships and mobilization efforts in the lead-up to its upcoming landmark climate trial against the Trump administration—*Juliana vs U.S.* ([ourchildrenstrust.org](http://ourchildrenstrust.org))

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

capacities, including as: first Executive 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))



**A-dae Romero-Briones** (Cochiti/Kiowa), born and raised in Cochiti Pueblo, NM, is Director of Programs for the Native Food and Agriculture Initiative of the

First Nations Development Institute. Formerly Director of Community Development for Pulama Lana’i, she is an expert in food safety and the protection of tribal traditional foods. A former Fulbright Scholar with a law doctorate, Ms. Romero-Briones sits on several boards, including the National Organic Standards Board. ([firstnations.org](http://firstnations.org))



**Denny Royal** draws on his extensive, wide-ranging background in healthcare, wellness, government, travel, financial services, branding and

education, as well as design and technology as Principal at Minneapolis-based Azul Seven, a design consultancy that seeks to combine human-centered design and Biomimicry to solve business challenges. ([azulseven.com](http://azulseven.com))



**Masami Saionji**, a native of Japan and a descendant of the Royal Ryukyu Family of Okinawa, is Chairperson of the Goi Peace Foundation and the World Peace

Prayer Society. An international lecturer, author and activist who promotes peace awareness and spiritual development, she initiated Soul of WoMen, a global movement to activate feminine wisdom and values for a more balanced world. ([goipeace.or.jp](http://goipeace.or.jp))



**Alicia Salazar**, born on the Putumayo River on the Ecuador/Colombia border, in the ancestral territory of her people, the Siona, emerged as a leader in her tribe’s

resistance to the predations of oil companies. She is the Ceibo Alliance’s General Coordinator, where

she works to develop programs to defend indigenous territories in the northwestern Amazon and to motivate other women to become protagonists in resistance movements. ([amazon-frontlines.org/who/partners/](http://amazon-frontlines.org/who/partners/))



**AlexAnna Salmon**, of Yup’ik and Aleut ancestry, from Igiugig, Alaska, is an influential young Indigenous leader and President of the Igiugig Village Council (as

well as the mother of six children). With an academic background in Native American Studies, Anthropology and Rural Development, AlexAnna has been a trailblazer on initiatives to develop renewable energy projects in her region and to revitalize the Yup’ik language and culture. ([igiugig.com](http://igiugig.com))



**Anita Sanchez**, Ph.D., an Indigenous and Latina author, trainer, and speaker who is 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*. ([anita-sanchez.com](http://anita-sanchez.com))



**Quinton Sankofa** is the co-owner of Sirius Creativity, an Oakland based firm “committed to providing affordable consulting services to organizations that

want to improve their capacity to more effectively pursue their missions.” Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, where he had to navigate the challenges of racism and poverty, Quinton has an extensive background in urban and regional planning, community organizing and development, strategic planning, and fundraising. ([siriuscreativity.com](http://siriuscreativity.com))



**Mark Schapiro**, an award-winning environmental and investigative journalist, is the author of several books, including the about-to-be-released, *Seeds of*

*Resistance: The Fight For Our Food Supply*, which discusses the seeds humanity will need to cope with climate disruption. Mark is also a correspondent for the Food and Environmental Reporting Network (FERN) and a Lecturer at the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. ([thefern.org](http://thefern.org))

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**Ellen Schneider** is the Director of Active Voice Lab, which helps funders, media makers, advocates, and other leaders use story to advance social change. In 2001, she founded Active Voice, one of the first teams that used media to put human faces on complex social and policy issues. Ellen was formerly Executive Producer of the documentary TV series, P.O.V. ([activevoice.net](http://activevoice.net))



**Kate Sears**, the Supervisor representing southern Marin on the Marin County Board of Supervisors, also chairs the board of Marin Clean Energy, California's first Community Choice Aggregation program. Kate has energetically sought to implement innovative, collaborative action to address climate change and sea level rise. Prior to elective service, she was an attorney in private practice and with the California Attorney General's Office, prosecuting fraudulent financial conduct. ([marincounty.org](http://marincounty.org))



**Cynthia Selin**, Ph.D., an Associate Professor at the School for the Future of Innovation in Society and the School of Sustainability at Arizona State University, and an Associate Fellow at the University of Oxford, is an interdisciplinary social scientist and scenario practitioner specializing in grappling with alternative futures in order to stimulate improved strategic capacities and foresight to promote more desirable human futures. ([cynthiaselin.com](http://cynthiaselin.com))



**Ysenia Sepulveda**, born and raised in Hayward, CA, in a tight-knit, working-class family, graduated from San Jose State in 2015 and has become an experienced circle keeper in Joven Noble and Xinachtl teaching circles in San Jose. She is a Training and Technical Assistant Specialist with the National Compadres Network, where her responsibilities include supporting curriculum trainings nationally and providing technical assistance for trained facilitators. ([nationalcompadresnetwork.org](http://nationalcompadresnetwork.org))



**Arianne Shaffer**, the Toronto-based Director of the Indie Philanthropy Initiative (which seeks a radical shift to philanthropy's status quo by adding

much needed diversity and creativity to the field and transforming its power dynamics), is also Communications Director at Kindle Project (an "outside-the-box grant-making organization"). Arianne is also a performing storyteller and storytelling teacher and workshop leader. ([indiephilanthropy.org](http://indiephilanthropy.org))



**David Shaw**, a permaculture and whole systems designer, facilitator, and educator, founded Santa Cruz Permaculture, and the UCSC Right Livelihood College, 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), [ucsc.edu/commonground](http://ucsc.edu/commonground))



**Nina Simons**, co-founder of Bioneers and its Chief Relationship Strategist is also co-founder of Women Bridging Worlds and Connecting Women Leading Change. She co-edited the anthology book, *Moonrise: The Power of Women Leading from the Heart*, and her next book, *Nature, Culture & The Sacred: A Woman Listens for Leadership* will be published this fall. 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))



**Caleen Sisk** is the spiritual leader and Tribal Chief of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, who practice their traditional culture in their territory along the McCloud River in Northern California. A leading advocate for salmon restoration and healthy, undammed watersheds, Caleen has become an internationally renowned activist for Indigenous and other oppressed people's rights, including as a regular speaker at the UN's Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. ([www.winnememwintu.us](http://www.winnememwintu.us))



**Daniel L. Skaff**, MBA, co-founder and Managing Partner of Radicle Impact Partners, a socially responsible venture fund, also serves as Vice Chairman of Beneficial State Bancorp, a triple-bottom-line enterprise dedicated to building prosperity while enhancing social justice, environmental resilience and economic sustainability. A former Co-Chief

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Executive Officer of both Beneficial State and Albina Community banks, Daniel sits on many corporate and civic organization boards and has had a long, prestigious business career in the U.S. and internationally. ([radicleimpact.com](http://radicleimpact.com))



**Richard Stallman**, a groundbreaking software developer and renowned, pioneering software freedom activist and advocate, worked at the Artificial Intelligence Lab at MIT from 1971 to 1984, where he initiated the GNU operating system and then left MIT to launch the Free Software Movement. He is the founder and President of the Free Software Foundation and is the author of *Free Software, Free Society* and *Free as in Freedom*. ([gnu.org](http://gnu.org))



**Kate Sutherland**, a founding faculty member and executive coach for Simon Fraser University's Social Innovation Certificate and THNK School of Creative Leadership and SFU's Certificate in Evaluation for Social Change and Transformational Learning, has 25 years' experience as a consultant in community and organizational change and is the author of, most recently, *We Can Do This! 10 Tools to Unleash Our Collective Genius*. ([sfu.ca](http://sfu.ca))



**Victoria Sweet**, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF and a prize-winning medical historian, has practiced medicine at Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco for 20+ years and is the author of *God's Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital, and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine* and, most recently, of the widely acclaimed *Slow Medicine: A Way to Healing*. ([ucsf.edu](http://ucsf.edu))



**Aaron Tanaka**, founder and Director of the Boston-based Center for Economic Democracy, is a community organizer, grant-maker, impact investor, and a founding organizer of the Boston Ujima Project, which brings together neighbors, workers, business owners and investors to create a new community-controlled regional economy. He is an Echoing Green and BALLE Fellow, and co-chair of the national New Economy Coalition and the Asian American Resource Workshop. ([economicdemocracy.us](http://economicdemocracy.us))



**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. ([jerrytello.com](http://jerrytello.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 16+ 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))



**Elizabeth Thompson**, a Brooklyn, NY-based a consultant to a range of sustainable design initiatives, was the Executive Director of The Buckminster Fuller Institute (BFI) from 2004 to 2016 and founding Director of the highly influential Buckminster Fuller Challenge ("socially responsible design's highest award") until 2017. During her tenure at BFI she led the development of several world-class exhibitions honoring Fuller's work and launched several internationally renowned design education programs.



**The Thrive Choir**, an Oakland-based singing group affiliated with Thrive East Bay, a purpose-driven community focused on personal and social transformation, is composed of a diverse group of vocalists, artists, activists, educators, healers, and community organizers directed by musicians Austin Willacy and Kyle Lemle. They have performed their original fusion of gospel, soul and folk in a wide range of settings, including: marches, conferences and festivals across California. ([thriveeastbay.org/thrivechoir/](http://thriveeastbay.org/thrivechoir/))



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**Carletta Tilousi**, a member of the Havasupai Tribal Council for the past 14 years, is a lifelong advocate for the protection of the Grand Canyon and for social and

environmental justice for her tribe and other Indigenous people of the Canyon. She has participated in many major international forums and currently serves as President of Red Rock Foundation, Inc., a non-profit focused on educational and environmental issues affecting tribes.



**Al Tozer**, Education and Living Building Challenge Director at the International Living Future Institute, has 20+ years' sustainable architectural design

and urban planning experience. He founded Tozer Design, one of the Northwest's leading sustainable architectural design firms in 1995 and was lead designer for "Desert Rain," the first Living Building Certified (the world's most rigorous building standard) residence on Earth. ([living-future.org](http://living-future.org))



**Linda Tucker**, a South Africa-based, world-renowned, award-winning conservationist, founder of the Global White Lion Protection Trust and the Linda

Tucker Foundation, has dedicated her life to the protection of critically endangered white lions, among the world's most targeted trophy animals. She has spoken at venues around the world and is the author of *Mystery of the White Lions*, *Saving the White Lions* and *LionHearted Leadership: The 13 Laws*. ([whitelions.org](http://whitelions.org))



**Jason A. Turner**, MSc, a South Africa-based leading lion ecologist with over three decades' experience in wildlife conservation management and research, is

Director of Ecology for the Global White Lion Protection Trust, which he established with Linda Tucker in 2002. He is Chairman of the Wilderness Security and Anti-poaching Forum, and his many professional affiliations include the University of Pretoria, Antwerp University, and the Smithsonian Institute. ([whitelions.org](http://whitelions.org))



**Bill Twist** is a co-founder and the CEO of the Pachamama Alliance, which works on rainforest preservation and Indigenous peoples' rights in the headwaters

region of the Amazon as well as on global social transformation. The Alliance seeks to help bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just global society through projects such as its Awakening the Dreamer Symposium and the UP to US Pathway. ([pachamama.org](http://pachamama.org))



**Lynne Twist** is a social activist, fundraiser, author and consultant who has dedicated herself to alleviating poverty and hunger and supporting social justice and

environmental sustainability. Co-founder of the Pachamama Alliance whose mission is to empower Indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to preserve their lands and culture, she is the author of the best-selling book, *The Soul of Money: Transforming Your Relationship with Money and Life*. ([soulofmoney.org](http://soulofmoney.org))



**Thomas Van Dyck**, CIMA®, a Managing Director/Financial Advisor with the SRI Wealth Management Group at RBC

Wealth Management, has been a leader in socially responsible investing for 30+ years. He consults on \$2.4 billion in institutional and individual client assets, incorporating environmental, social and governance factors in investment decisions. Tom also founded the shareholder advocacy As You Sow Foundation in 1992 and is active in the "Divest/Invest" movement. ([rbc.com](http://rbc.com), [asyousow.org](http://asyousow.org))



**brontë velez** is a "black-latinx" multimedia artist, currently working as an educator and media designer for Planting Justice, an Oakland-based

non-profit committed to food sovereignty, economic justice, and prison abolition. brontë seeks to counteract oppression through acts of radical imagination, including as Creative Director of the "Lead to Life" process in which weapons are transformed into shovels used in ceremonial tree and garden plantings at sites impacted by violence. ([leadtolife.org](http://leadtolife.org), [plantingjustice.org](http://plantingjustice.org))



**Noe Venable**, a singer-songwriter, music educator and "spiritual activist," has released six adult and six children's albums and toured nationally. She teaches

people of all ages and all levels, including with her nature-inspired Meadowlark Music Class for young children. Noe also founded: Sylvan Hearth

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Playgroup; the outdoor parent-child program for Golden Bridges School (San Francisco's first urban farm school); and the intergenerational women's Mothersong Chorus. (noevenable.com)



**Edgar Villanueva** (Lumbee), a nationally recognized expert on social justice philanthropy, currently serves as Chair of Native Americans in Philanthropy and as

Vice President of the Schott Foundation for Public Education in New York City. He is the author of a new book, *Decolonizing Wealth*, which offers alternatives to the dynamics of colonization in the philanthropic and social finance sectors. (decolonizingwealth.com)



**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)



**Luke Weiss** combines his experience living in the Amazon with the Secoya people for 20+ years with a Masters' degree from the Yale School of Forestry and

Environmental Studies to coordinate the Cultural Recovery and Territorial Mapping programs at Amazon Frontlines. He and his family reside along the banks of the Aguarico River where he hunts, grows crops, and enjoys drinking yoco. (amazon-frontlines.org)



**Jacob White Horse** (yak titt'u titt'u Northern Chumash/Rosebud Sioux), a student in environmental studies at United Tribes College in North Dakota, is

currently an intern with the UC Davis Marine Biology Lab working on abalone management, the first Native American and tribal college student accepted into this program. Jacob's interest in marine biology stems from his tribe's long relationship with the ocean and its resources.



**Josh Whiton** is an innovative eco-tech entrepreneur whose many projects include founding the award-winning transit-tech company TransLoc (recently

acquired by Ford); co-founding one of the first urban farms in the southeastern U.S., and most recently creating MakeSoil.org, which matches people who make compost at home with neighbors willing to contribute their food scraps and waste, thereby diverting millions of tons of food waste from landfills. (makesoil.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. (buckeyegathering.net)



**Justin Winters**, Executive Director of the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation (dedicated to ensuring the long-term health and wellbeing of all Earth's inhabi-

tants by building climate resiliency, protecting wildlife and restoring balance to ecosystems and communities), has successfully built LDF's global grantmaking program, awarding over \$80 million to over 200 projects in 50 countries. She also serves on the boards of several organizations, including: Amazon Frontlines and The Solutions Project. (www.leonardodicaprio.org)



**Sigrid Wright**, CEO of the Community Environmental Council, a California solutions-based nonprofit, is also a Commissioner for the Santa

Barbara County Commission for Women, serves on the steering committee of the Central Coast Climate Collaborative and the Central Coast Climate Justice Network, guides the Santa Barbara County Food Action Plan, and is a member of the national Carbon Farming Innovation Network. (cecsb.org)

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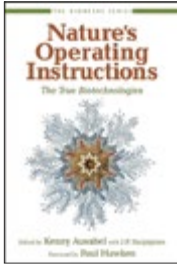


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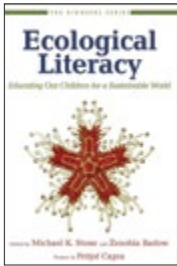




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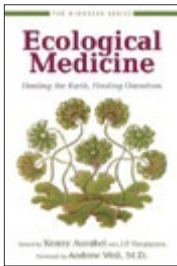
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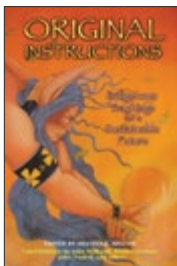
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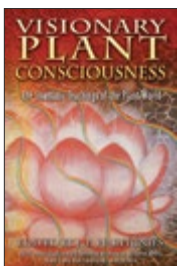
This pathfinding collection illuminates how human and environmental health are inseparable, spawning an emerging movement called Ecological Medicine. Leading health visionaries contributing include Dr. Andrew Weil, Michael Lerner, Carolyn Raffensperger and Jeanne Achterberg.



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The Bioneers Native Youth Leadership Program fosters Native youth leaders by creating opportunities for Native youth to participate in, network at, and be empowered by attending the annual Bioneers Conference and world-renowned Indigenous Forum.

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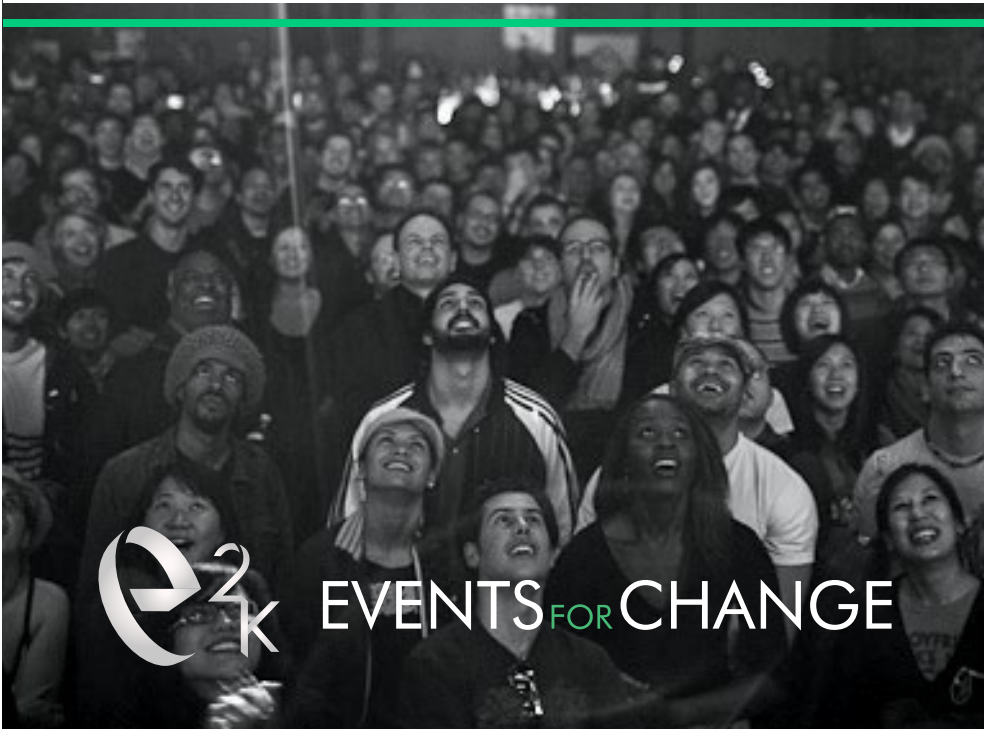
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2016 witnessed the largest Native youth contingency to ever participate in the Bioneers Native Youth Leadership Program, as well as the most comprehensive programming by and for Native youth. Over 100 Native youth and chaperones attended the 2016 Bioneers conference held in San Rafael, CA October 21-23. Attendees traveled from California, Arizona and Oregon to attend, and represented 44 tribal nations from across Northern and Central America.

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