

Rou Dalagurr
Food Sovereignty Lab and
Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute

Indigenous Foods Festival

2024





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About

On Saturday, May 4th, 2024, the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute held the Indigenous Foods Festival, as part of the Cal Poly Humboldt's campus-wide Food Summit. This event was the second annual festival that the Lab plans to hold each year, focusing on uplifting Indigenous food sovereignty across many regions. This inspiring event centered around the important work that folks across communities are doing to elevate Indigenous knowledges and foodways. The festival was attended by over 250 people!

The event took place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to ongoing campus closure, we held the event at the D Street Neighborhood Center in Goudi'ni (arcata). The festival featured an indoor tabling area with 16 tribal and non-profit organizations and businesses from both our local and wider regions, offering demonstrations, informational materials, food, merchandise, and art. These organizations included: UIHS Potawot Community Food Garden, Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, Pathways of Purpose, Nutritious School Lunch Initiative, Save California Salmon, Centro Del Pueblo, Karuk Tribe Food Sovereignty Program, Northtown Books, Black To Our Roots, The Food Sovereignty Lab, The Cultural Conservancy, Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, Intertribal Agricultural Council, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Klamath-Trinity Resource Conservation District, and Oceanside Jams. We were so happy to have Frybread Love and Pupuseria San Miguel providing food at the event; we were also able to offer free food vouchers and books to students!

Due to having to move off campus with very short notice, we were unable to hold speaker panels as planned, but we plan to host these at future Indigenous Food Festivals!



About

The Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute's tables featured informational materials and booklets, marketing materials, FSL reports, free books and items for students, and FSL mugs and sweatshirts! We are very grateful to FSL staff, Cassandra May, who made Indigenous Teas available for attendees! These teas were made with ti'ma (elderberry), vilh wurretguphiwu'l (nettle) & lemon balm. It was a beautiful event! We also had Indigenous food samples available at the FSL table. These food items included: Wahpepah's Kitchen's Indigenous Bars, Bedre Fine Chocolate's Caramel Pecan Sensations and chocolates, Séka Hills almonds, walnuts, and beef sticks, Salmon King Fisheries' canned and smoked fish, Passamaquoddy Maple Hard Candy, and Pemmican Patty Food Company's Bisonberry Beef Bars.

We had more than 10 volunteers throughout the Indigenous Foods Festival. We are so grateful for the FSL volunteers!





Rou Dalagurr

**Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional
Ecological Knowledges Institute**

SATURDAY, MAY 4th

Indigenous

Foods

Festival

11 am - 3 pm

D Street Neighborhood Center

1301 D St, Arcata, CA 95521

FEATURING

Indigenous organizations, food
producers, food vendors,
hands-on activities, music,
speakers, discussion panels,
and more!

MORE INFO

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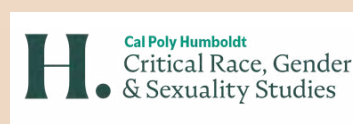
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Read what guests said about the Indigenous Foods Festival:

"Indigenous proximity is important for true decolonization and landback, people have to have these places as we all benefit from learning about present day Indigenous peoples and their histories, it aids Indigenous sovereignty."

"Sharing food is such an important way to connect with community members to then open up conversations about culture and honoring the land. It bridges the gap between cultures and helps people see that there are so many opportunities to give back and support local tribes and create sovereignty."

"This event offers a place to develop community, by being centered around food and having food available - the community was able to attend and learn from many different people about the multiple efforts towards food sovereignty."

"The event was great, especially considering that the venue had to be changed at the last minute. We learned about resources available in the community, tasted some delicious packaged and wild harvested foods, and met a ton of kind people doing great work! I'm hoping to get a chance to visit the Food Sovereignty Lab in the future."

"They are important because it combats social isolation in our youth through the offering of new knowledge. It helps create the feeling of presence and reminds people that we should learn how to honor our food and how we obtain it. We are fortunate to have teachers who want to share their knowledge and getting to experience this food festival was amazing because of its uniqueness."



Post-Event Data



Around 40% of the people that attended were students at Cal Poly Humboldt, while 50% of people also represented various different Tribal organizations, community and non-profit organizations, and local businesses.

Quick Stats

- Date: May 4th, 2024
- Over 250 attendees!
- Over 100 student attendees!
- 16 organizations tabling
- 2 local food vendors

**Total Donations
& Sales:**
\$1,720

Outreach

- 12 Instagram posts
- 14 Facebook posts
- Sent 13 IFF Press Release Packets to various news and radio outlets
- KMUD interview with Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy and Lauren Schmitt

Press Coverage

- The Times Standard: "Indigenous Foods Festival at Cal Poly Humboldt"
- Redheaded Blackbelt: "ROU DALAGURR: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY LAB AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGES INSTITUTE TO HOST SECOND INDIGENOUS FOODS FESTIVAL AT CAL POLY HUMBOLDT"
- KMUD: "Indigenous Foods Festival 2024"





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Check out the IFF 2024
informational video!



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Volunteer with the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab Indigenous Garden!

**Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and
Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute**

Garden Volunteer Days

The Rou Dalagurr FSL will be hosting weekly
volunteer days in our Native garden and
exterior space.

Beginning April 8th, Join us!

Mondays 10am-12pm

@ Rou Dalagurr FSL Garden

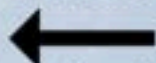
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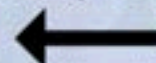
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**Questions? Contact the FSL Site & Garden Manager
ees25@humbolt.edu**

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Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute**

Community Volunteer Days

In partnership with other local farms
and gardens, the FSL will be hosting
community volunteer days beginning

March 14th, Join us!

Thursdays 1pm-3pm

Potawot Community Food Garden

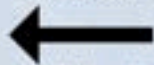
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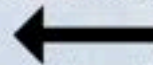
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Financials

IFF Total Funding

Fund	Amount Covering
SHIFT/HEIF	\$14,660.85
Cowell Foundation	\$5,923.32
NAS	\$5,144
TOTAL	\$25,728.17

The total cost for the IFF and Food Summit events was **\$25,728.**

We received funding from Sustainable Humboldt Innovative Futures Trust (SHIFT, formerly HEIF), Cowell Foundation, Humboldt Ethnic Studies Council, and individual donors!

SHIFT/HEIF Funding

Expense	Total
Guest Lecturers	\$1,380
Supplies & Service	\$4,845.10
Printing	\$3,539.28
Hospitality	\$4,896.47
TOTAL	\$14,660.85

Thank you all for being part of the Indigenous Foods Festival!

About the Lab:

Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute is an interdisciplinary, collaborative effort that is student- designed and community-informed. The purpose of the FSL is to provide an opportunity to work directly with the surrounding communities, tribal nations, and national and international scholars and community leaders to center, learn, and engage with Indigenous science, environmental management, and preservation practices. The lab will build national and international connections that foreground Indigenous voices in rigorous academic research, publications and community-centered programming, connecting youth to higher education, policy development, economic development, and climate resiliency.

The Food Sovereignty Lab is a space to facilitate research by foregrounding Indigenous input that upholds Tribal autonomy and self determination. This lab is about ensuring Indigenous sovereignty is upheld, and that Indigenous communities maintain self- determination over how their knowledges are approached, researched, engaged with, represented, and managed. As of April 19th, 2024, the FSL is officially open.

How to get involved:

Courses:

- NAS 331: Indigenous Natural Resource Management Practices
- NAS 304: Tribes of California
- NAS 333: Food Sovereignty Lab
- NAS 308 Indigenous Ethnobotany

Internships: Call for applications each Spring (707.826.4329)

Volunteer: Email nasfsl@humboldt.edu

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ABOUT US: Co-Directors



Co-Director - Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy
Tribal Affiliation: Hoopa Valley Tribe
(Yurok, Karuk)

is an Associate Professor of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt. She researches Indigenous feminisms, California Indians, Indigenous Natural Resource Management, and decolonization. She is the Co-Director of the NAS Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional

Ecological Knowledges Institute and Co-Investigator on an NSF INCLUDES Planning Grant for inclusive STEM pedagogy for Native American Students at Humboldt. Current works include:

- Gough, Healthier & Cutcha Risling Baldy. "Resistance, Resilience, and Social Welfare: Understanding the historical intersections of Federal Indian policies and the helping professions." in The Routledge International Handbook of Indigenous Resilience ed. Hilary Weaver, 2021.
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- Risling Baldy, Cutcha. "Radical Relationality in the Native Twitterverse: Indigenous Women, Indigenous Feminisms and (re)writing/(re)righting Resistance on #NativeTwitter" in Indigenous Peoples Rise Up: The Global Ascendancy of Social Media Activism. Rutgers University Press, 2021.

Podcasts and other media:

- "Tending Nature: Indigenous Land Stewardship." KCET documentary film series. <https://www.kcet.org/shows/tending-nature/special/indigenous-land-stewardship> Episode 19: Decolonizing Water Part I Water Talk Podcast <https://www.watertalkpodcast.com/episodes/episode-19>
- "Reviving Relationships with Our Foodways: A History of Indigenous Food Sovereignty in California and Beyond" by Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy and Dr. Kaitlin Reed (co-directors of the FSL). <https://cooperationhumboldt.com/food-guide-2021/>

ABOUT US: Co-Directors



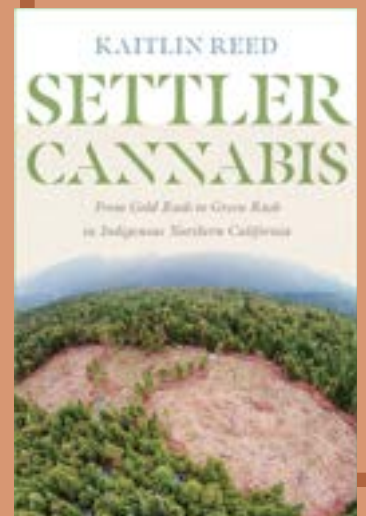
Co-Director - Dr. Kaitlin Reed

Tribal Affiliation: Yurok Tribe (Hupa, Oneida)

is an Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt and the Co-Director of the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute. She also serves as the university's TEK Faculty Fellow and the Program Coordinator for the Environment & Community Graduate Program. Her research is focused on tribal land and water rights, extractive capitalism, and settler colonial political economies. She is the author of *Settler Cannabis: From Gold Rush to Green Rush in Indigenous Northern California*.

Other works include:

- Risling Baldy, Cutcha; Reed, Kaitlin and Kayla Begay. "Polytech to PolyTEK: Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Indigenous Science, and the Future Forward Polytechnic University." *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* 45(1), 2023.
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Jude Marshall (United Indian Health Service Community Food Garden) Tribal Affiliation: Hoopa Valley Tribe

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