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1st row: Precious Wilson, Starlene Bussell, Angie Villavicencio, Sonya Ariston, Holly Reed, Alisha Johnson, Elvia Santana, Summer Montez, Clio Gentry, Joanna Colegrove, Charley Peters

Congratulations to all of our Graduates! This year we had a total of 44 students participate in the ALL-Native Grad Sash Ceremony (see Cover photo). Six students complete this summer, twelve will complete this fall. Five will be coming back to start their master's degrees.

The 2024 All Native Grad was held at the Adorni Center in Eureka. Where Sammy's BBQ catered for more than 400 people in attendance. I'd like to Thank the folks that helped make the All-Native Sash Ceremony successful: Kellie Brown Humboldt Photographer, for capturing our Graduation celebrations. Ravin Craig, Noel DiBenedetto, Octavio Acosta, Marylisa Wood, Sarah Peters Gonzalez, and Auggie Valdez for helping with Set & Clean up.

Sasheen Raymond for reading all the students bios, and for ensuring the ceremony went off without a hitch. Marlette Grant-Jackson for sashing each of our Grad participants. And last but not least Jesika Sheaf (ITEPP Alumn '14 Child Development) & sister Teressa Mitchell for making our ITEPP Sashes.

I am truly amazed at the ITEPP representation throughout the country. No matter where I go, I run into ITEPP alumni or families. It makes me very proud, and I have to say that I am so honored to be part of the ITEPP legacy. We have amazing graduates & alumni that are doing outstanding work in various areas nationwide.



ITEPP COORDINATOR/ ELITE SCHOLARS DIRECTOR



Sasheen
Raymond
Hupa
ITEPP
Coordinator
2022 to present.

He:yung! I hope everyone is having a rejuvenating and restful summer. Reflecting on our 2023-2024 Academic Year, I

am exhilarated by all the amazing accomplishments ITEPP, and its students had. When ITEPP first began in 1969, we had just 18 students who were pursuing a higher education. How special now to reflect back on how far we have come in supporting Native students over the years. We now have more than five times the number of students attending Cal Poly Humboldt and had over 40 graduates this past year.

It is always an honor to be part of the ITEPP legacy. This year was particularly busy and exciting for me. I welcomed my sweet son, K'ehniwh Willie Kristian Chavez on September 10, 2023, in a very dramatic and early arrival. Blessed that I have a healthy and happy little guy who accompanies me in classes, in the office, and in meetings from time to time. He is a true ITEPP baby! In addition to my son, I completed all of my classes and am now just finishing up my Dissertation and will be Dr. Sasheen Shailee very soon. While I may not have a lot of downtime at the moment, I spend every moment enjoying the journey with my little guy and family.

The beginning of the year was a bit challenging as I worked to get the Fall semester laid out and set up

before I left for maternity leave. Since I left earlier than expected, we worked to wrap up plans and get things solidified so the ITEPPers could enjoy all the amazing things the Fall has to offer. In September in honor of California Indian Day, ITEPP and CAIFS welcome all the Native students to the campus with a lunch provided by Sammy's BBQ, a favorite of the ITEPP house. In October ITEPP along with CAIFS hosted the annual Indigenous Peoples Week events, a long-standing tradition. By partnering with several entities on campus we were to provide ITEPPers with the opportunity to attend the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) conference in Portland, Oregon. Lastly, if there's one thing that is important to me, it is ensuring that ITEPPers have coffee, tea, and snacks throughout the semester.

I returned from maternity leave earlier than anticipated as our Academic Co-Advisor, Rose Gibbens, left for a great opportunity at the Humboldt County Office of Education. While I am so happy for Rose, I am bummed to lose her bright energy around the house. Additionally, we lost our Support Coordinator, so I returned to start planning our annual California Big Time & Social Gathering (see related article on page 4). After another successful year of hosting the event, I started on the All Native Graduation. Although everything was planned out, the campus closure caused us to pivot so I adjusted our plans to the Adorni Center, in Eureka. I work all year to fund raise and set aside funds to purchase each graduate a handmade sash and ensure we have a nice dinner to enjoy with our families and loved ones who helped get our graduates to the finish line. Watching all of the graduates walk across the stage rejuvenated on why I love working at ITEPP. All the amazing people who have walkedthrough our doors and are now doing amazing things in our community.



2024 California BIG TIME & Social Gathering

The California Big Time & Social Gathering was hosted by ITEPP on April 6th, 2024 in the West Gym on the Cal Poly Humboldt campus. This long-standing event has been part of the campus community since 2006. After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, we brought back the Big Time in 2023. The Coordinator, Sasheen worked to iron out all logistics and details from July 2023 to the event. The ITEPP students (and future ITEPPers) and staff, CAIFS, and Cal Poly staff members worked to ensure the day went off seamlessly. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the event and to all our guests who attended the Big Time.



The event kicked off with a heartfelt prayer and blessing from former Wiyot Chairwoman Cheryl Sydner, followed by an opening song from Vincent and Pachomio Feliz. Ernie and Caleb Albers shared a

Yurok story and song. There were five groups that traveled from up and down the state to share their rich cultural practices, stories, and songs. The Maidu Traditionalists, Soboba Bird Singers, Big Valley Pomo Dancers, Red Cedar Drum & Intertribal Dance, and the Tuolumne Band of Mewuk Dance Group closed us out for the day. There were thousands of people who came to attend with our total attendance over 5,000. In addition to the amazing groups and attendees, the California Basket Weavers Association hosted a weaving demonstration, almost 50 vendors, and a



food truck garden featuring our ITEPP alumna Kayla Maulson, featuring Frybread Love. We had a great group of local youth from Two Feathers and Northern Humboldt Indian Education who volunteered their time. Lastly, we want to thank our sponsors who helped make this event so successful. The American Indian College Fund, Redwood Coast Regional Center, Native American Studies, INRSEP, Cal Poly Humboldt Library, and CAIFS. All donations and money raised assists each year with the coasts of sashes and dinner at the All-Native Graduation.











ALUMNI & CURRENT STUDENTS

Ed Amador Chicano ITEPP Alumni '79 Liberal Studies

- Graduated in 1979 Cal Poly Humboldt State University
- Received a
 Master's from the
 Insurance
 Institute of
 America CPC?U 2
- America CPC?U 2001
 Legislative Aide to San Diego State Assemblyman
 Peter Chacon 1981-1986
- Sr. Risk Mgt Executive for the Pacific Pioneer Insurance Group 1986-Present

I live up on my ranch in the Cleveland National Forest between Orange San Diego Counties. Have one great son. Wife passed 2021.

Thanks, ITEP for getting my business career started and learning about life.

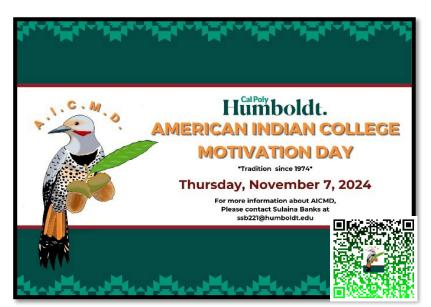


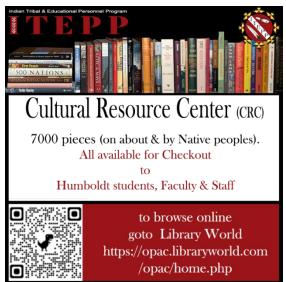
Sean Berry Karuk ITEPP Alumni '14 Native American Studies

Ayukii, I am doing well and have transitioned to a new job in Realty with the Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region. I work with land acquisitions/adjustments. I have been in this position for a little over half a year



now and it has truly been a great fit for myself as I am passionate about the outdoors. In addition, I have also joined a Complex Interagency Incident Management Team and as needed will be assigned to fire incidents and assist at the fire base camps. In my spare time I enjoy running and continue to try to run in trail/road races varying in distances. The farthest I have ever run was a 50K (31 Miles)!









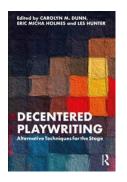
Olivia Chase Hupa Current ITEPP Student – Applied Fire Management & Native American Studies

Olivia Chase and Evauna Grant participated in Karuk Women's+TREX, which was a training

opportunity hosted by the Karuk tribe, centering Indigenous women working in cultural and prescribed fire. It was so beautiful to get to work up in Orleans, gain so much experience, and get to do it in the company of other Indigenous women. Both Olivia and Evauna got to light the fire along with other Karuk women. It was an incredibly beautiful experience.



Dr. Carolyn (Carrie)
Dunn
Creek, Caddo &
Seminole
ITEPP Alumni '86
Communication





I co-edited a book that came out on the first of the year! https://www.routledge.com/Decentered-Playwriting-Alternative-Techniques-for-the-Stage/Dunn-Holmes-Hunter/p/book/9781032218083

<u>Decentered Playwriting:</u> Alternative Techniques for the

Stage

"Decentered Playwriting investigates new and alternative strategies for dramatic writing that incorporate non-Western, Indigenous, and underrepresented storytelling techniques and traditions while deepening a creative practice that decenters hegemonic methods.

A collection of short essays and exercises by leading teaching artists, playwrights, and academics in the fields of playwriting and dramaturgy, this book focuses on reimagining pedagogical techniques by introducing playwrights to new storytelling methods, traditions, and ways of studying, and teaching diverse narratological practices.

This is a vital and invaluable book for anyone teaching or studying playwriting, dramatic structure, storytelling at advanced undergraduate and graduate levels, or as part of their own professional practice." From www.routledge.com





AUG 8 AT 8:30 AM - AUG 11 AT 5 AM

36th Annual Hoopa Sovereign Days

Public · Event by Hoopa Valley Tribe



August 8 th	Elder Dinner @ the Neighborhood Facilities	5:30pm
August 9 th	Lawn Festivities @ Tribal Offices Front Lawn	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Dress Show	
	Miss Natinixwe	
	 Traditional Card Game 	
	 Cook-off 	
	 Fun for all ages. Ft. Party Jump 	
	Cornhold Trounament @ Trading Post	6:00pm
	Fireworks Show @ Hostler Field (Stick Field)	10:00pm
	Ft. Zambelli Fireworks co.	
August 10 th	Parade "Cartoon Characters" – starting @ Loop Rd	10:00am
	Softball Tournament @ Pookey's Park	12:00pm
	Cribbage Tournament @ Hoopa Trading Post	4:00pm - 10:00pm
	21+ Dance @ Lucky Bear Casino	10:00pm
August 11 th	Softball Tournament Continued @ Pookey's Park	
	Traditional Stick Tournament @ Hostler Field	8:00am - 2:00pm



"Our Home Forever, Our Traditions"

*Food Served after @ Hoopa Fire Hall





Elaina Erola Blackfeet ITEPP Alumni '08 Native American Studies

Elaina graduated from Humboldt State University in 2008. She spent eight years in management before volunteering with California Indian Legal Services and the Yurok Tribe in 2014.

She attended law school at Northwestern California University and received her Juris Doctorate in 2021. She is currently a licensed attorney in Hoopa, the state of California, and the Central District. She had worked for Legal Services of Northern California in Eureka and volunteered with the Redwood Art Association and the Humboldt Arts Project as well as serving on the board for the Eureka Theater and the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference. In 2023 she began attending Lewis and Clark for her L.L.M. in Environmental Law. She is currently a member of Forman Shapiro & Rosenfeld LLP, a firm focused on representing Native American tribes and organizations in California. She continues to live in Humboldt County regularly contributing to painting and writing. She was selected by PEN American to participate in their 2024 Writers Workshop in Los Angeles, where she continues to work on her memoir, about her time in Humboldt after graduation, and her continuing desire to advocate for tribes.









Suki Frease - Renfree Round Valley Current ITEPP Student -

Tribal Forestry

My summer started with a week-long trip down to the Mattole River Valley to participate in the Mattole River council field course. This consisted of the group of us learning and working within and around the

Mattole River. We snorkeled in the river, looking for steelhead and lamprey, visiting the local native plants nursery and aiding them in planting some new sprouts, pulling and cutting down some Douglas-fir trees that were encroaching on a grassland, along with visiting and repairing beaver dam analogs at the headwaters of the Mattole. This was an amazing opportunity where I got to meet lots of new and interesting people and gain some vital experience in the field of restoration.



This field course also got me ready for the next part of my summer journey, a six weeklong internship with the Wiyot tribe through Cal Poly Humboldt and Sea Grant. This internship had 13 other students and me working with employees of the Wiyot natural

resource department along with members of the Cal Poly Humboldt facility. The work consisted of us doing tree and vegetation survey plots on the tribes newly acquired land of Mouralherwagh, learning about and restoring the onsite wetland area, going to the Table Bluff reservation to pull the invasive poison hemlock, and meeting all kinds of new people in all disciplines of restoration, from bees to fish. all this work accumulated in a four-day camping trip at Somes Bar near Orleans, where we got to work with Frank Lake and survey the nearby area using his cultivated cultural monitoring techniques. The work we did with Frank Lake will help establish the knowledge of culturally important plants such as huckleberry and tanoak along with providing an understanding of how these plants will react to disturbance and restoration work. I really valued this internship and the work with Frank Lake as it allowed me to understand that the way we survey in the forestry discipline can be better and can be adapted to focus on culturally significant plants rather than the random survey techniques currently used.

I really had a lot of fun this summer and got to meet so many interesting people within my and surrounding fields.







Genevieve 'Gina' Jones Paiute

ITEPP Alumni '94 Liberal Studies Elementary Ed.

Manahuu! (Greetings!) I am an enrolled member of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley,

Big Pine, CA. I live on the Big Pine Paiute Reservation with my son Che' Lewis and his growing family. In September of 2023, I retired from the position as Director of the Career Services Program at the Owens Valley Career Development Center, in Bishop, CA. I was employed with OVCDC for 21 years.

Currently, I am a substitute teacher at Bishop Indian Head Start Program. I am also on the substitute teacher list for Inyo County. Yes, I am taking advantage of my CA Teaching Credential and utilizing my teacher education provided to me through the Indian Teacher Preparation Personnel Program (ITEPP) graduating from HSU in 1994. My first teaching experiences were at Margaret Keating Elementary School in Klamath, CA (95-97) and the Big Pine Unified School District in Big Pine, CA (97-99).



In March 2024, I ran for a seat on the Inyo County Board of Supervisors. I received overwhelming support from my colleagues, family, and friends, including at the state level. Unfortunately, I was not the winning



candidate. However, this experience of running for a local office gave me a greater appreciation for pursuing an elected position.

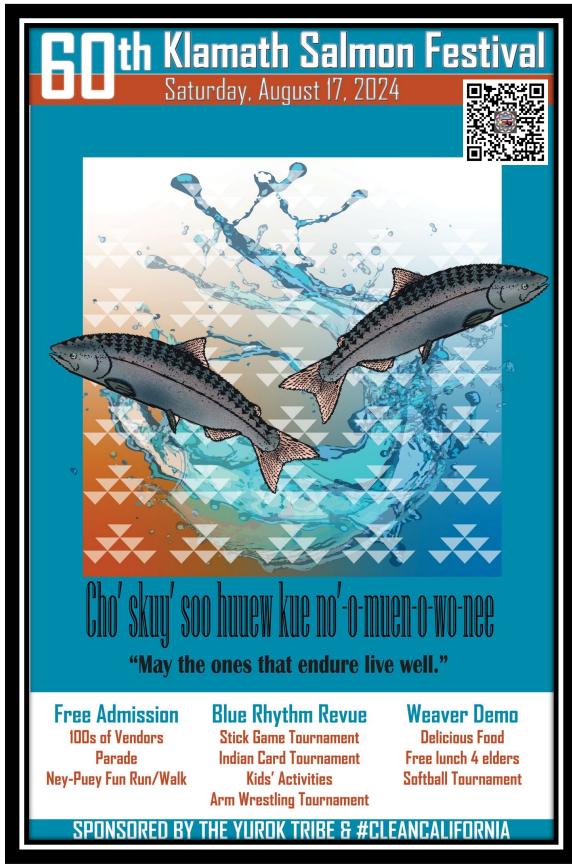
I have 4 adult children, with 2 that returned to live in Eureka, CA, and one in Klamath, CA. My daughters Elizabeth Lewis and Jaclyn Bissonette both live in Eureka. Jaclyn received her master's degree in social work at HSU in 2021. "Liz" is employed by the California Highway Patrol as a Dispatcher. My youngest son Eduah Schwenk moved back to his homelands on the Klamath River. He is a College of the Redwoods student in Eureka, pursuing an AS degree in Automotive Technology. He is an enrolled member of Yurok.



I love spending time with my grandchildren, Genevieve "Gena" 25, Leona 7 years, and River Requa 3 years. I look forward to the times I get to spend in Humboldt/Del

Norte County visiting my Eureka/Klamath family and enjoying the cool, mild weather that the northern coast offers. Humboldt County will continue to be a "family tradition" for years to come.









Ona Lee Kimber (Alameda) Yurok

ITEPP Alumni '74 Sociology

I loved my time as an ITEPP student at Humboldt. Made many friends with whom I have sadly lost touch.

Because of the "observation/participation" class I felt really prepared for my own classroom. I applied at several districts but received no

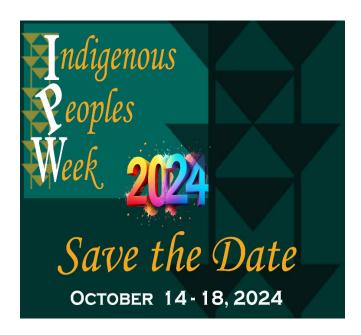
invitations for an interview. I was getting concerned. My mom, Leona Alameda, and I were attending an Indian Education Conference in Redding at Shasta College in August of 1974. We were walking down a hallway and she and I were talking about my applications and concerns. A gentleman overheard us and asked me about myself. After a lengthy conversation/interview - he offered me a job.

Needless to say, I was thrilled! He was Don Ratzlaff, Principal of Greenville Elementary and involved with the Johnson-O'Malley program for Greenville Elementary and High School. I worked with all the Native American students in those schools as well as with tutors. It was a rewarding experience, and I met many wonderful local people through my job.

I then taught 3/4 grades at Taylorsville Elementary for one year and then taught Third Grade at Chester Elementary for ten years. I met my husband, Craig Kimber, in Chester and had our only child, Kevin at the Chester Hospital.

In 1986 we moved to Sanger, California for an employment opportunity for my husband. I didn't teach for one year to help us all with the adjustment. In September of 1987 I got a job with Sanger Unified School District as a half-day First Grade teacher at Del Rey Elementary for two years and then became a full time Third Grader teacher. In 1994 I was offered a Reading Recovery Teacher position which included three years of training at Fresno State while working with First Graders. I later taught First Grade until I retired in 2012.

Our son got married in 2019 to a teacher and we now have a beautiful grandson. Kevin is also a teacher. I had 37 wonderful years in education.







Lonyx Landry Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation ITEPP Alumni '08 Biology

Lonyx Landry is a citizen of the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation and self-determined indigenous minded person. He works in the

COMPASS Department at Cal Poly Humboldt as the Indian Natural Resources, Science and Engineering Program's (INRSEP) Native Coordinator/STEM Advisor. He's appointed by his Tribe to represent the interest of Native Americans in Trinity County as a Council Member to the Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC).

Lonyx is a founder and current Director of the federal contract eligible Indian Organization, the Inter-Tribal Student Services. Lonyx is a community advocate regarding offshore wind (OSW) energy development within the Redwood Region Climate and Community Resilience (CORE) Hub as well as his Tribe's OSW Consultant. He has a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Minor in American Indian Education, and 55 earned units of Postbaccalaureate work related to Education and a variety of Natural Resources fields. Lonyx utilizes the many hats he wears to serve American Indians and other minoritized developing professionals in STEM education.



Jaime Lara Cherokee, Yoeme, Apache Current ITEPP student Wildlife

This summer, I am working at Sharing Our Roots as a Wildlife Intern, a regenerative agriculture farm in southern Minnesota.

They support immigrant farmers, farmers of color, and LGBT+ farmers by providing land access and educational support. My role as the Wildlife intern is to assess the return of wildlife and biodiversity levels from previous levels on the farm. I've working on various taxa surveys such as mammals, amphibians, birds, insects, and macroinvertebrates! It's been amazing to combine my passions of wildlife, agriculture, sustainable food systems, and socia justice for people of color and the LGBT+ community.







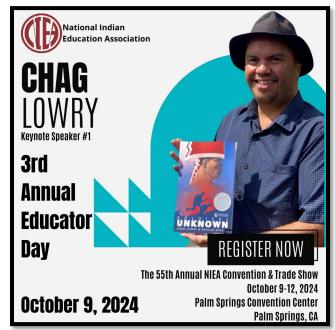
Ike Lowry Maidu/Pit River ITEPP Alumni '72 Political Science, '74 Secondary Credential

Ike Lowry (Maidu/Pit River) recently finished his last term as a tribal council member for the Susanville Indian Rancheria located in northeastern California. He served over 40 years as a council member and helped lead many social and economic development projects during this time. Ike was the youngest member of the first cohort of ITEPP students back in 1969. He recently traveled with his son Chag (ITEPP class of 1999) from Susanville to Humboldt and shared many great stories of his ITEPP friends. His daughter Melanie and son Skip are also Cal Poly Humboldt alumni.

Ike has four grandsons: Trey, Matteo, K'nek'nek, and Repoy. Trey is a mechanical engineering major at UC Davis and is a recipient of the Gates Scholarship. The other boys are in high school and middle school. Ike recently helped Oakland Museum staff who are crafting a photography and historical exhibit based on Ike's cousin, the late Dugan Aguilar. Ike gave an interview with Dugan's son Dustin and Chag where they shared about Dugan's cultural and artistic impact among California Native communities through his photography.

The photo of Ike and his son Chag was taken at Burney Falls in northeastern California. This is a culturally significant place for Pit River and other Native people of the region. Ike is holding a copy of Chag's recent comic book titled *Follow the Water*. The art on the cover shows the falls. Chag just presented his comic work for the third year in a row at the San Diego Comic-Con. Chag's wife Rebecca Lowry (ITEPP class of 1999) is currently working on the California state model curriculum project for the Humboldt County Office of Education in partnership with many Native Tribes and communities. She is presenting her poetry based on her Lenape culture and history at the Montclair Art Museum in New Jersey in fall of 2024.

Ike and Chag plan to visit Cal Poly Humboldt in spring of 2025 to video record Ike as he shares his memories and experiences as a Native student in the late 1960s there. They will also challenge any two ITEPP students or alumni in a game of two-ontwo basketball, as they can both still hit three-pointers at an amazing rate!







Kate Lowry Wyandot ITEPP Alumni '04 Social Science

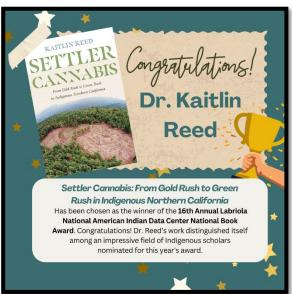
Aiy-yu-kwee'!

This is my update. Northern CA Tribal Court Coalition and partners

hosted the Kash-Cho Son-ing-Be' Acorn Camp in Southern Humboldt last month and my son Repoy Lowry helped me and our team with the coordination of the day. We had over 100 people attend on Sunday and a group of about 30 people camping out the night before. It was so beautiful with intergenerational learning and sharing of Indigenous foods, traditional ecological knowledge, water activism, songs, stories, dance, language and ceremony. Here is a link to some FB photos that were posted.

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My son K'nek'nek' and I participated in the Wiyot cultural fire project, he as an actor and myself on the writing team. Attached is the flyer for the performance. Super fun.





Jude Marshall Karuk ITEPP Alumni '12

ITEPP Alumni '12 Recreation Admin.

Community Nutrition Manager, United Indian Health Services, Inc.

Jude Marshall (Hupa, Karuk, Yurok) is a proud father and husband to

his three kids: Hazel, Yaamach and Kavish and wife Windy. Jude is a person whose values are rooted in his family, culture, and community. He is a wellness advocate, a local cultural practitioner, and traditional foods enthusiast. Jude is currently the Community Nutrition Manager at the United Indian Health Services, Inc., Potawot Health Village in Arcata, CA. He oversees the thriving Potawot Community Food Garden that supplies healthy nutrition and wellness to many Native families in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties of Northern California. Jude has been working on is promoting wellness through digital media- Weaving Culture into Wellness video series.

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Jackie Martin Hupa ITEPP Alumni

Twenty-two years teaching the Natinixwe Language at Hoopa Elementary KTJUSD Now age 70. Retired June 30,2024.



Wiyot Goutswe'n (One Sky)

Honoring our Elders and Veterans
Saturday August 24, 2024

4 pm through midnight

take Hookton Road, to Phelan Road Loleta, CA Follow the signs

From Hwy 101

Card Game
Tournament
\$500 lst,
\$250 2nd

Vendors

MC Bruce Kaye

All My Relations (Wiyot)

Colusa Feather dancers

Native Resistance

Jai Kibby Bruce Kaye

Del Arte Play Bear Dancers

And more

2024

Bring folding chairs and jackets, blankets for after dark (it gets cool after sunset)

We welcome all Gou'wil (people) and include everyone.

Rradaquunmuk Yinarr Lhatsik

(Respect our Traditions)

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALOHOL FREE EVENT







Nickie Matus, LCSW, LAADC Mono/Choinumni/Cassons ITEPP Alumni '17 BSW & '19 MSW.

Munahoo! Since graduating with my MSW, I have been hard at work obtaining my LCSW, opening a private practice, working full-time as a clinical supervisor for a residential/outpatient SUD treatment program for Native Americans, and then transitioning to

a new role as Madera County Deputy Director Social Services, Child Welfare. In my private practice I have done one on one behavioral health therapy, focusing on historically marginalized populations who have experienced barriers to mental health care. In addition, I provide consultation and clinical supervision services to programs that serve Native Americans and associate social workers. I also recently became a PAC for Cal Poly Humboldt DL SW Program and I am extremely excited about my new role.



To say the least, it has been a roller coaster ride of learning, networking, self-care, self-exploration, and all the things! I have stayed connected to many of my peers I met during my time at Humboldt and some relationships have turned into forever friendships. I also still frequently seek support and guidance from some of the Humboldt SW DL Program staff, who have been invaluable in my continued learning and advancement.

I have also welcomed 6 grandchildren into our family! One is my namesake sharing my middle name!! My family has continuously supported my endeavors, no matter how crazy I may have sounded. I can't say how much I love and appreciate them, especially my husband who has it harder than all of them (hahaha).

I am so thankful for my time at Humboldt and the connections created during my BSW and MSW DL programs. I wish everyone the best on their journeys and look forward to hearing your updates and possibly working with you in some capacity in the future!







Shayna McCullough Yurok ITEPP Alumni '18 BSW & '20 MSW.

Aiy ue'-kwee (hello) ITEPP, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on

where I am in life since graduating in 2020 with my master's degree in social work from Humboldt State University. I worked in various job fields such as Tribal Court at the Yurok Tribe and in Tribal Public Health at United Indian Health Services (UIHS). Over the past year, I have made some significant changes in my career.

In September 2023, I accepted the position as the Benefits Coordinator at the Blue Lake Rancheria. This new role has been both challenging and rewarding!

On a personal note, in September 2024 I am getting married to my fiancé of six years in Hawaii on the beach of Waikiki. My fiancé has helped me tremendously through grad school and in life.

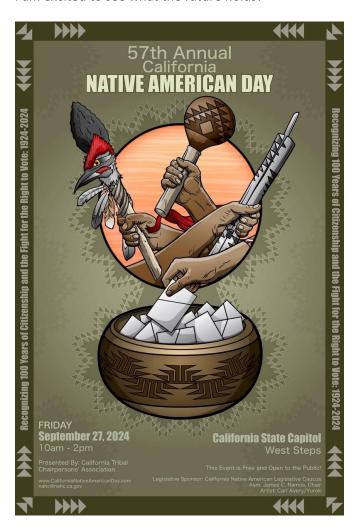
I am so happy to take this next step with him!

Last year, my small business "Native Humboldt" was chosen to be a part of the Etsy Uplift Makers Program. Etsy and Nest are proud to support the Indigenous Artisans Collective within the program, featuring shops from Indigenous makers affiliated with 10 Indigenous groups across the United States and the First Nations of Canada. I am excited to say that my shop has been an Etsy Star Seller for three consecutive months, and I am now officially an "Indian Arts & Crafts Board Verified Native Artisan" through the U.S. Department of the Interior. My Etsy shop link here: https://nativehumboldt.etsy.com.

Overall, I have been focusing on my health and wellbeing, incorporating regular exercise and mindfulness practices into my daily routine. It has been a transformative experience, and I feel more balanced and energized.

Looking ahead, I am setting my sights on further professional development in California Workers' Compensation and exploring new hobbies with my future husband that bring us joy. I am incredibly grateful for the support of my family and friends, who have been my rock through life and work.

Wok-hlew' (thank you) for being part of my journey. I am excited to see what the future holds!







Elka Medina Torres Martinez Current ITEPP student -Psychology

This summer I finished my internship with Cal Poly

Humboldt's 2nd Health Profession Careers Program that started in the spring semester. I was so grateful to be selected as part of this year's cohort because I accomplished so much in just a few months. This program gave me the resources and connections I needed to feel confident about my choice to continue pursuing the medical field and be more prepared for my future in healthcare. I had the opportunity to shadow multiple providers within the local United Indian Health facilities. As a patient, I already felt safe going there for services. However, seeing the care and attentiveness this team showed for their community behind the scenes was deeply inspiring and something I hope to be a part of someday. Overall, it showed me how important it is to have representation in the field and how impactful culturally informed physicians can be in these settings. I also shadowed physicians in the Emergency Room, Veterans Affairs, and the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, while our Fridays were spent in the library at workshops learning from local professionals in the field. No matter the setting, I felt so in my element learning about the different specialties, observing procedures, understanding the community's needs, and spending time with people who use their skills to make the world a better place. By the end of the program, I learned that I was awarded with the Dr. Chester Collins Memorial Psychology Scholarship and accepted as a research assistant on a public healthcare project! I'm so grateful for all the opportunities the university has provided me with. I look forward to the day that I can use these experiences, the advice I gained along the way, and my own unique skills to start medical school to make a positive impact on the health and wellness outcomes of the communities I serve.



We made this magazine while living and working on the present and ancestral Homeland and unceded territory of the Wiyot Tribe. Tribes and Nations in Humboldt County include Hupa, Karuk, Mattole, Tolowa, Wailaki, Wiyot, Yurok. We recognize that our words must be matched by action and approach. Here are some actions we suggest for our readers:

- ► Learn about whose land you live/work on by visiting <u>native-land.ca.</u>
- ▶ Pay the Wiyot Tribe's honor tax. Visit honortax.org to learn more and download the form.
- ► Support the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab. Visit giving.humboldt.edu/nas-lab-fund to learn more and donate.
- ▶ Support Native-owned businesses.
- ► Students may also educate themselves on this land, its peoples and history through participating in Native American Studies classes and seminars, and visiting the Goudi'ni Gallery located on campus in the Behavioral and Social Sciences building.

Art by Char Valencia and Bug.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS without Action:

ITEPP was contacted for a land acknowledgement art piece that would be published in the Cal Poly Humboldt Osprey Magazine Fall 2023.

Isabella "Bug" Carvajal (Individualized Degree Major 2027) and Charlena "Char" Valencia (Economics Major 2023), volunteered and submitted the Art Piece above. The piece was originally completed on the Whiteboard in ITEPP's Conference room, with Dry Erase markers.





Kim Colegrove - Moon Hupa

ITEPP Alumni '92 Liberal Studies Elem. Education

Hello friends and family, Kimberly Moon TK teacher for Hoopa Elementary School. I went back to school 2 years ago

and took an additional 24 units from Cal Poly Humboldt to earn my ECE supplement to teach Transitional Kindergarten in the great state of California. Not gonna lie, the first semester was challenging. I started school while on my honeymoon on a 10-day cruise to Alaska. Beyond the wifi challenges, learning canvas, and starting school with no textbooks it eventually worked itself out. The following semester my daughter was also taking a course to become a CMA, so my household became a culture of studying and learning with lots of nightly and weekend sacrifices. Eventually we both successfully finished our respective courses. She currently works at Kim:aw medical and I spent a year learning a new practice of play based learning. I worked all year to find a balance between leaving old practices behind, joining support groups centered around my new position, and embracing the joy of learning through play. At the end, I was humbled by the great progress each individual made because I truly did not know what to expect. Next year I will continue my pursuit of improving my teaching practice as students are getting younger and classes are becoming more inclusive for all. My next goal is to have an appropriate inclusive playground built at my site that is developmentally appropriate. Best wishes for everyone to have a great year.

My husband and I recently got back from a 2-week trip to Scotland with my high-school bestie and her husband.



Peggy Orcutt Hupa

Current ITEPP student - MSW

My name is Peggy Adeline Orcutt proud mother of Jasmine Adeline Young (Orcutt). Daughter of Mike Orcutt and Bonnie Basey. Grandparents Lawrence E. Orcutt aka Dud and Dorothy Mea Lincoln Moon, Margaret Frye-Carlson and late Grandfather Basey from Oregon. Former Social worker and ICWA for Wiyot tribe 4.5 yrs. Currently waiting for county job as a behavioral child case management, open to tribal if possible. Working at botanical gardens. Hoping to continue working on myself and making sure my baby is welcomed with grace. Hoping to use all tools gathered in my lifetime and will continue to do so for a lifetime. Hoping to continue to learn as my biggest hurt within myself is good. It's Regalia time for my baby and I want to teach her everything I learned from everyone so we can further thrive and grow.







Keith Parker, MS Yurok/Hupa/ Karuk/Tolowa Dee'ni. ITEPP Alumni '18 Natural Resources -Fisheries MS

Keith will again be teaching in the Native American Studies Dept. for the Fall 2024 semester.

He will be teaching NAS 309, TEK and Indigenous natural Resource Management. Keith has previously taught NAS 331 and ESM 105. He is a Senior Biologist and Program Manager for the Yurok Tribe, as well as an enrolled member. Keith is also Hupa, Karuk, and Tolowa Dee-Ni. He received both his undergrad & grad degrees from Cal Poly Humboldt.

with such a dedicated and committed staff here at NCIDC. For years I searched for an organization that could give me the opportunities and community feel similar to the non-profits I worked for in Los Angeles, NCIDC is as close as it gets for me. Love it here and the work we are doing is valuable and worth my time and energy. Thank you NCIDC for welcoming me and giving me a place to call home so far away

from my roots in Los Angeles.





Armondo Pena Mayan Current ITEPP student – MA in Environment & Community

Working with NCIDC over the summer with the Da'Luk Youth Program as Youth Administrative Support has been my honor and privilege. Being able to take my years of experience working

with Black and Brown Youth in South Central Los Angeles and bring it up here to Humboldt has been so enriching and fulfilling for me. I have been super blessed in working with so many incredible leaders that have inspired change in this community. Can't wait to see how far we can go



Ann Rants Karuk/Shasta ITEPP Alumni '23 Child Development

Hello everyone!
I hope the summer is treating you well. I just recently completed my M.Ed in teaching and curriculum planning

with University of Oregon's Sapsikwala program, where my colleagues and I worked on language curriculum resources. I am very excited to be teaching third grade at Arcata Elementary in the fall! From now and then, I will be setting up my classroom, apartment, and swimming and hanging out with my family lots on the river. Thank you!





Julia Rants Karuk/Shasta Current ITEPP Student – English

Alongside soaking up the sun back home and visiting family this summer, I have been working for the Mid Klamath Watershed Council in Orleans as a seasonal fisheries tech. I get to

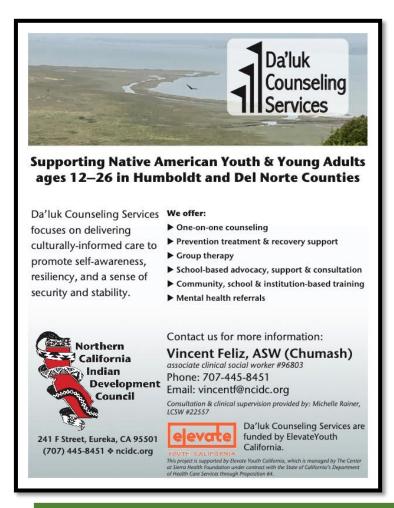
go out on tributaries of the Klamath River and work with a crew surveying boulders for a 3D model of the stream and its features!



Mike "Hop Sing" Ramirez Maidu, Wintun, Mewak, Hupa, Yurok ITEPP Alumni '16 Native American Studies

In January, the California State Indian Museum opened the

temporary exhibit "Native Graduation: from assimilation to acculturation." The first since 1985. Guest Curated by Michael A. Ramirez. Michael is a graduate of the native studied department, 2016. While at HSU Michael was deeply involved in the community and a leader during the 2014 student occupation. Since graduating he has maintained his drive for native representation and sharing of native culture as a park interpretive specialist at the California State Indian Museum. He also fought for Sacramento to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day in lieu of Columbus Day. He and his partner have been the driving force to make the event happen every year, minus the pandemic years.









Sierra Stalter Choinumni/Cahuilla Current ITEPP Student -Tribal Forestry

My name is Sierra Stalter and I'm a descendant of the Traditional Choinumni Yokuts Tribe from the East side of Kings River. This summer, I'm working with

Southern California Edison in Shaver Lake, California located in the Sierra National Forest as a Forestry Technician. So far, my summer has consisted of numerous forestry projects such as establishing seedling survivorship plots to aid in reforestation efforts post 2020 Creek Fire. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to conduct Spotted Owl surveys and assist in archeological surveys around SCE's property. Furthermore, I have also gained valuable and tedious experience in flagging property, fuel break and dozer lines to aid in fire suppression efforts in the Dinkey Mountain area. Lastly, I have also gotten to test my timber cruising skills as I have assisted in cruising Continuous Forest Inventory Plots.

Aside from my work life, I have focused on learning more about my culture and spending as much time as I can with family before, I travel away from home again to finish my last semester this upcoming fall. My dad and I have been working on revitalizing our Choinumni language as well as learning how to properly gather and process basket making materials so we can begin to rekindle our roots to basketweaving. I have also focused heavily on Beading as it's hard to make time once classes begin again.



Juli Suzukawa
Oglala Lakota
Current ITEPP Student
-MA Environment &
Community

I will be returning to Cal Poly Humboldt as a graduate student in the Environment & Community program this upcoming year. While I am excited and

nervous to be going back to school, I know that I can rely on the ITEPP crew for support as I start this new academic journey. On top of my school responsibilities, I will be continuing my CSU STEM VISTA role at Cal Poly Humboldt as the university's College Corps STEM Experiential Learning Support Specialist for the 2024-2025 academic year.

This summer, I found some time to go back to SoCal and visit family for a couple weeks. I recently went on a weekend trip to Redding with my partner to visit some of her friends and go to Whiskeytown Lake. While I couldn't join the fun at the lake, Hoshi and I got to go on a hike on one of the nearby trails along the lake. Hoshi may look a little distracted in the picture, but she was having a blast checking out the boats and paddle boarders in the lake.





Nico Townsend Yokut / Chumash Current ITEPP student - History

Hey everyone, this is Nico Townsend. This summer, I have been quite busy

with an internship in Special Collections at Cal Poly Humboldt. I and another person have been tasked with organizing the newly donated collection gifted by INRSEP, to add to the permanent collection of the college's archives and create an exhibition in the first floor library display to showcase the rich history of this uniquely indigenous and Humboldt organization. I am in the final stages of organizing the collection, with creating a finding aid, and in the thick of deciding which items will make it to the exhibition. If things go as planned, from August 27 to September 9, anyone interested in seeing the exhibit will have their chance if they can make it to the display case in Cal Poly Humboldt's library. I also hope the collection of INRSEP's history I have a hand in organizing will be available by appointment to be viewed like any other collection in the university's archives in the very near future.

That has been the main event that has occupied my summer. Other than that, I have mostly just been spending the summer relaxing, reading, gaming, and seeing what Humboldt has to offer. I have recently turned 20 so that's also been very exciting.



Christina "Ms. Tina" West Stockbridge Muncee

ITEPP Alumni '99 BA LSEE, '01 Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential, '24 Educational Leadership Administrative Services Credential

Adelhia West Jack Mohigan

ITEPP Alumni '88 BA Social Work,

Teequa West Strange

Potential Future ITEPP Grad Photo credit: Nelia Marshall

After 16 years in the classroom at Hoopa Valley Elementary School teaching multiple subjects and multiple grade levels, I am excited to step into Educational Leadership! Two contributing factors helped motivate me in the direction of School Administration. One was the high turnover rate of principals at Hoopa Elementary (4 principals in 4 years) and the other was the Blue Lake Rancheria's Grow Your Own Administrator (GYOA) opportunity.

In the upcoming 2024/2025 school year, I will serve as the Hoopa Valley Elementary Coordinator of Student and Parent Services. I am both excited and nervous. I want to solicit feedback from our students, staff, and community while fostering a sense of belonging and building trust. I know I have a lot to learn and I don't expect to be great initially, but I am committed to providing stability, learning, and growing my skill sets over time.







COUNCIL OF AMERICAN INDIAN FACULTY & STAFF



In the late 1980's
Humboldt State
University (HSU) staff
members Cheryl
Seidner and Leona
Wilkinson, Wiyot Tribal
members, called a
luncheon to gather all
campus self-identified
American Indian faculty

and staff together. They were concerned that although the campus resides on Wiyot territory, protocols for

bringing in medicine people and guests were not being followed. According to Seidner, Wiyot Tribal people were not being consulted or acknowledged. At the luncheon they shared their concerns and discussed the importance of sharing information and checking in with one another regarding issues, projects, events and plans across all of the different departments. This resulted in an opportunity for American Indian faculty and staff to visit, share, consult, and develop camaraderie. The then Director of Educational Opportunity Program/Student Support Services, Dr. Linwood Wall, named the group the Council of American Indian Faculty and Staff (CAIFS).

In fall of 2014, after closure of the Center for Indian Community Development and the firing of the director of the Indian Natural Resources Science & Engineering Program, tribal people and students began to uprise. At the end of the Native American Activism Conference held on Martin Luther King Day, students pledged to occupy the Native Forum. This protest lasted for 35 days until the HSU administration agreed to meet with students to reach a resolution to their demands. During this period, American Indian faculty and staff were approached by journalists, HSU administration, and tribal staff to speak about the events and to provide statements on behalf of the American Indian staff

and faculty. Several members of CAIFS agreed that it was important for members to meet regularly to speak candidly about the issues and develop unified statements that reflected group consensus. CAIFS began to meet on a regular basis as a forum for sharing information and discussing issues arising on and off campus impacting American Indian communities.

Mission

In an effort to decolonize the destructive confines of higher education models, members of CAIFS are committed to reaching back to indigenous models and traditional ecological knowledge to weave traditional language, culture, values, and methods into teaching, supporting, mentoring and advising students. This is accomplished by strengthening bonds between American Indian faculty and staff by meeting regularly to consult, collaborate, and partner with one another.

CAIFS members



Rain Archambeau Marshall, JD Ihanktonwan (Yankton Sioux) Native American Studies, CRGS & Women's Studies Lecturer 2006 to present



Dr. Kayla Begay Hupa/Yurok/Karuk Associate Professor & Chair Native American Studies 2016 to present



Serenity Bowen Miwok Lecturer Social Work 2010 to present



COUNCIL OF AMERICAN INDIAN FACULTY & STAFF CONTINUED...



Brittany Britton Hoopa Valley Tribe Gallery Director 2020 to present



Chance Carpenter III
Hoopa Valley Tribe
University Police Sergeant
2007 to present



Eddie Carpenter Hoopa Valley Tribe EOP/SSS Student Engagement Coordinator 2023 to present



Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond Hoopa Valley Tribe President's Special Assistant for Tribal Relations & Community Engagement 1996 to present



Nanette Durbin ἡ UħΛ ⊅O MEd Osage Nation/ Cherokee Nation INRSEP & LSAMP Advisor Coordinator and COMPASS Administrative Support 2024 to present



Vincent Feliz Chumash Lecturer Social Work & Child Development 2006 to present



Michael Fisher Saginaw Chippewa AVP - Facilities Management 2008 to present



Dr. Kenneth FulghamChoctaw
Retired Professor & Chair —
Rangeland Resource & Forestry
1978 to 2014



Marlette Grant-Jackson Yurok/Karuk ITEPP Academic Advisor & CRC Coordinator 2001 to present



Melitta Jackson Yurok/Hupa/Karuk/Modoc Resource Sharing & Information Specialist 2019 to present



Dr. Qualla Jo KetchumCherokee Nation
Assistant Professor, School of
Engineering
2023 to present



Lonyx Landry
Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation
INRSEP Native Coordinator/
STEM Advisor
2011 to present



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Dr. Kishan Lara-Cooper Yurok/Hupa/Karuk Distinguished Professor Chair, Child Development Coordinator, American Indian Education 2010 to Present



Mona Pargee Wailaki Student Marketing Coordinator 2000 to present



Dr. Daniel "Bubba" Lipe Cherokee Assistant Professor, Environmental Science and Management 2022 to present



Sasheen Raymond Hoopa Valley Tribe ITEPP Coordinator/ELITE Director 2016 to present



Samantha "Sammi" Martinez Tiwa Pueblo Director of RAMP 2013 to present



Michelle Rainer
Yurok
SERVE & Pathway project
Coordinator
& Lecturer
2009 to present



Kim Moon Karuk/Yurok/Redwood Creek Applied Health Admin Support Coordinator 2002 to present



Dr. Kaitlin Reed Yurok Associate Professor NAS 2019 to present



Lee Ann MooreWiyot Tribe
CRF Budget Program Analyst
2021 to present



Dr. Cutcha Risling-Baldy Hupa/Karuk Professor NAS 2017 to present



Keith Parker Yurok Lecturer 2023 to present



Geneva Shaw Hoopa Valley Tribe Faculty - Social Work 2017 to present



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Melissa Tafoya Tongva Transfer & Grad Counselor 2003 to present



Isaac Torres
Tewa Pueblo (Isleta & Sandia
Pueblo)
Academic Advisor &
Lecturer CRGS
2022 to present



Jasmin Torres
Tewa (Isleta & Sandia Pueblo)
Department Coordinator (NAS & CRGS)
2023 to present



Juli Suzukawa
Oglala Lakota
College Corps STEM Experiential
Learning Support Specialist (CSU
STEM VISTA)
2023 to present

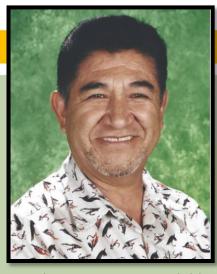


IN MEMORY

Eddie Vedolla

March 17, 1940 - March 22, 2024

Edward Patrick Vedolla (Eddie) a descendent of Guidiville, passed away March 22, 2024, at the age of 84.



Eddie was born in Orange, CA on March 17, 1940. He moved to Mendocino County as a child where, with hard work, his mother lifted his family out of hardship and struggle and into resilience and strength. Eddie grew up on what is now the Guidiville Rancheria, and he later played a role in reorganizing and reestablishing the Guidiville Rancheria as a federally recognized tribe with tribal lands. Eddie worked in sawmills and lumber yards and then for schools liaising among staff, teachers, and families. Eddie received a McAteer Award in 1969 from the Association of California Administrators in Compensatory Education in recognition of his outstanding contribution toward improving educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Eddie was chosen to participate in a new and exclusive program for Indian educators at Humboldt State that became ITEPP (Indian Teacher & Educational Personnel Program), of which he was part of the first cohort. He graduated with a BA in Psychology from Humboldt State in 1974 and received a Teaching Credential in 1978. Eddie Taught school for 23 years. Eddie was fully funded with a Rockefeller Scholarship and received a MA in Education Administration from New Mexico State in 1980. He made some of the most meaningful connections of his life with the people of the Acoma Pueblo ("SkyCity") and the Apache Tribe. Eddie discovered country Dancing while traveling for an administrative training in New Mexico. He signed himself and his wife Frances up for a linedancing class, and dancing quickly became a new family legacy. Eddie and Frances taught country 2-step, country Waltz, West Coast Swing, Polka and Line dances in Ukiah for many years. After he retired from teaching Eddie continued to work in administrative roles in local tribes and education. He moved to Weitchpec, CA during the last decade of his life where he started to learn the Yurok language and continued to educate himself by becoming involved in the Karuk and Yurok tribal communities. He enjoyed doing woodwork on his house.







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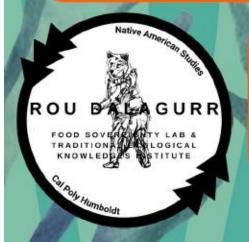
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