

“A TIME FOR GATHERING”: THE 2ND ANNUAL INDIGENOUS CLIMATE JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM AND NORTHWEST INDIGENOUS YOUTH DAY, OLYMPIA & NISQUALLY, MAY 4-7, 2017

YOU ARE INVITED to the 2nd annual Indigenous Climate Justice Symposium on **Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, and the Leschi-Quiemuth Honor Walk on Saturday, May 6, and the Northwest Indigenous Youth Day on Sunday, May 7 — both at the Billy Frank Jr. Community Center, Nisqually.** The theme of this year’s Symposium is “A Time for Gathering.” While the Thursday and Friday are open to the campus and community, we particularly hope that you can attend the Northwest Indigenous Youth Day on Sunday, May 6. The events are part of the Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project. Please see the program and video of the 1st annual Symposium at <http://sites.evergreen.edu/indigenousclimate> (updates on the schedule of the 2nd annual Symposium will also be posted on that website).

THURSDAY, MAY 4 & FRIDAY, MAY 5 (10:00 am-4:00 pm) at **Evergreen’s Longhouse Education and Cultural Center** would include panels, student presentations, cultural events, skills workshops, whether on climate change effects, fossil fuel resistance, or community resilience and adaptation. The keynote speaker on Thursday, May 4 (7:00 pm) is **Faith Spotted Eagle** (Ihanktonwan Dakota/Nakota), a key leader in the fights to stop the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines. The Friday keynote is **Rueben George** (Tseil-Waututh), a leader against the KinderMorgan pipeline expansion in B.C.



Faith Spotted Eagle



Rueben George

SATURDAY, MAY 6. The Leschi-Quiemuth Honor Walk is an annual event for Nisqually tribal members, joined by supporters, to access cultural sites and former homesteads on the reservation land within Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). Registration for this day is necessary in advance; a form is available on the website.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 will be devoted to the Northwest Indigenous Youth Day (including Native and Pacific Islander youth) for middle school, high school, college-age students, youth group members, and canoe families. It will be at the Billy Frank Jr. Community Services (the gym at 4820 She-Nah-Num Drive SE, Nisqually, WA), starting at 11 am. The Youth Day will include workshops on fossil fuel resistance and climate change resilience, youth role models talking about protecting their communities, sharing inspiring and hopeful success stories and skills, a traditional dinner and Coastal Jam, and keeping in touch with other youth protecting their land and water.

We hope you and your tribal members, family, or organization can attend and contribute. Hotel lodging in the Lacey/Dupont area will include Best Western, and other options that will be posted at **<http://sites.evergreen.edu/indigenousclimate>**

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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