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Alan Parker Receives Leadership Award from Oregon Health & Science University



Photo by Leigh Vogel, (NIEA)



Alan Parker is awarded a beautiful Pendleton blanket.

Alan Parker, Director of NIARI and MPA-Tribal faculty member, was honored by The Center for Coastal Margin Observation & Prediction (CMOP) at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) for his efforts to bring people together regarding river-to-ocean ecosystems, climate change effects, and indigenous knowledge systems. Parker received the Leadership Award at OHSU on October 28th during a dinner and panel discussion titled "Oceans, Climate and Human Health".

The CMOP Leadership Award honors contemporary leaders whose work in science, technology or science-based policy and

education has brought indigenous and non-indigenous communities closer in addressing issues

of importance to the sustainability of the Pacific Northwest coastal margin.

San Manuel funds Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project

This fall, Debi McNutt has been coordinating NIARI's Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project. The project documents effects and impacts of the climate crisis on Native peoples and homelands.

Debi received her B.A. in 2008 at Evergreen and is now in the MPA-Tribal program.

Debi wrote a 16-page "Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations," a community organizing booklet that translated the complex, technical language of the (2007) 81-page version report, written by NIARI Associate Researcher Zoltan Grossman, Alan Parker, Edward Whitesell, Brett Stephenson, Terry Williams, Preston Hardison, Laural Ballew, Brand Burnham, Jill Bushnell, and the late Renee Klosterman-Power.

An updated Report will be published by the Oregon State University Press, in 2010. It will be available to tribal communities, youth leaders and schoolteachers.

"Most people think of the climate crisis as overwhelming or depressing," Debi said, "but we've been encouraged to find examples of Northwest tribes working with their traditional ecological knowledge, producing renewable energy, and planning with their neighbors to meet the challenge of surviving climate change. There's a lot yet to be done—we're just beginning."

"It is one thing to research climate change, but it is just as important to translate the complex technical issues into accessible English to make them more understandable."

-Debi McNutt



In the NEXT ISSUE Tribal Nations Conference

November 5, 2009
President Obama addressed leaders from 564 federally recognized tribes, at the Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C.

NIARI'S Assistant Director Receives Doctoral Degree

Aleticia KS Tijerina, Assistant Director of NIARI, received her doctoral degree in political science from Northern Arizona University in May, 2009. Her dissertation, titled *The Sun Dance Movement and Native Nationalism: Unburying the Hatchet*, examines the role of the pan-Indian Sun Dance at Big Mountain, Navajo nation in promoting a Native nationalist discourse influenced by nativist revivalist movements of the 1700s. Currently, Tijerina is writing a theoretical article on emerging Native nationalist ideas based on her study.

The NIARI project focuses on Indigenous research at Evergreen. Historically, Native people have been the "subject" of research without their consent or control on how that research will benefit them or their nation. Assistant Director Aleticia Tijerina has begun a project that will examine the issue of Indigenous research at Evergreen. The goal of the project will be to produce guidelines for institutional research among tribal and Indigenous communities and workshops focusing on emergent themes in Indigenous research, including the development of tribal codes, protocols and laws for control of the research agenda on tribal lands and with tribal members.

Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project

by Courtney Hayden

Shonri and I began work on the Pacific Rim Project on October 28th of this year. Shonri, talented in multimedia and photography, focused her efforts on creating a visually impactful poster, describing the various ways Northwestern tribes are facing and meeting the challenge of climate change. Her motivation stems from a dedication to fighting environmental racism and her strong heritage in the Dinè (commonly known as the Navajo) and Tohono O'odam (commonly known as the Papago).

I centered my efforts on the textual elements of the poster. This project has allowed me an outlet for creativity, and an opportunity to give voice to the startlingly immediate affects of climate change and a hands-on experience with my Native heritage, specifically, in the Apache and Cherokee tribes.

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Shonri Begay (left) and Courtney Hayden (right) have been working with Debi McNutt and Zoltan Grossman on the Climate Change and Pacific Rim Indigenous Nations Project. Photo by Bonnie Graft

rolls by and the project ends, Shonri and I, with the help of Zoltan Grossman and Deborah McNutt, hope to be able to present a compelling poster. It will address the crisis of rising sea levels, changes in fishing, threatened forests and increasingly extreme storms. Simultaneously, we intend to present the qualities of native culture which will allow us to rise up and meet the challenges of climate change, including traditional ecological knowledge, political sovereignty and sense of community.



MPA-Tribal Government Student Will Join NIARI Staff

Cassandra Sharron, graduate student with the MPA-Tribal, will join the staff of NIARI Winter Quarter. Cassandra will be working with NIARI staff to articulate a "new vision" of the DelaCruz Center for Advanced Studies. She will be

conducting curriculum research and assisting on special projects.

Cassandra's academic aspirations and interests were sparked by T.A.R. (thermally altered rocks) and how to study pre-contact times of Indigenous populations. She made a presentation about how this relates to the Squaxin Tribal lands at the Wetland Archaeology Research Project (WARP) conference, Spring Quarter 2005.



Longhouse Holiday Native Art Fair Scheduled

Hello, My name is Maggie McCarty and I am the Assistant Director of the MPA-Tribal Concentration. I have been recruiting for the Tribal Concentration for our Inter-Year 2009 cohort. We have eleven new students; eight students are entering Fall 2009, and three more will begin with the MPA Tribal cohort in Fall 2010.

The MPA- Tribal Governance Concentration is gearing up for a big recruitment year and began accepting applications for Fall 2010 admissions on September 1, 2009.

The program is weekend intensive, meeting from noon on Friday through Sunday at 5pm, for a total of 20 hours each weekend it meets. The cohort comes to Evergreen campus for those weekends four times during each quarter (fall, winter, spring), usually spaced about three weeks apart.

The Tribal Governance Concentration only admits students every other year. For more information now about admission requirements and application procedures, please contact Maggie McCarty, Assistant Director-MPA Tribal, at mccartym@evergreen.edu or (360) 867-6202. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible; (Note that you do not have to wait until your application materials are complete in order to apply.)

The MPA - Tribal Governance (MPA-TG) concentration was created for present and future leaders who wish to actively engage in shaping public policy regarding tribal governance.

- Focuses on structures, processes and issues specific to tribal governments.
- Provides current and future tribal leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to work successfully in Indian Country.
- Informs those working with governmental or other organizations in a liaison role with tribal governments.
- Reflects the diversity of issues addressed by the tribes, including health, housing, education, youth, welfare, land use, law enforcement, human resources, transportation, fiscal policy, and economic development.



Friday December 11, 10 - 5 pm

- 2 pm - Flute Musician Rona Yellow Robe Walsh (Chippewa Cree)
- 4 pm - Children's Storytelling with Bobbie Bush (Chehalis)

Saturday December 12, 11 - 6 pm

- 2 pm - Children's Storytelling with Bobbie Bush (Chehalis)
- 11 am-5 pm Special Preview, *Canoe Way: The Sacred Journey* documents the annual tribal journeys of Pacific Northwest Coast Salish people. Indigenous tribes and First Nations from Oregon, Washington, Canada and Alaska follow their ancestral pathways through the waters of Puget Sound, Inside Passage and the Northwest Coast. Families and youth reconnect with the past and each other. Ancient songs, dances, regalia, ceremonies, and language that were almost lost and are coming back.

Hourly showings from 11 to 5 pm on Saturday.
Fry Bread and Indian Taco sales both days!
Hand-crafted Art Work in all price ranges.

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