

**2023 NATIVE AMERICAN CRITICAL ISSUES CONFERENCE**  
**SPONSORED BY THE MICHIGAN INDIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 9-11, 2023 | KEWADIN CASINO | SAULT STE. MARIE, MI**

Thursday 4:00-6:00pm Plenary Session in Grand Ball Room	<b>Native Justice Coalition Pre-Conference Session - Intergenerational Healing</b> Cecelia LaPointe, Tom Biron, Linda Cobe, Samantha Hales, Bud Biron
Thursday 6:00-8:00pm Plenary Session in Grand Ball Room	<b>Reception</b> <b>Sponsored by Rosette Law Firm</b> (Refreshments Provided) <b>Music by Tyler Dettloff</b>

Friday 7:00-8:30am Plenary Session in Grand Ball Room	<b>Breakfast</b> <b>Sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians &amp; Kewadin Casinos</b>		
Friday 8:30-10:00am Plenary Session in Dream Makers Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening Ceremony Welcome Song by Bahweting Singers and Prayer by Lou Anne Bush</b></li> <li>• <b>Welcome by Dr. Martin Reinhardt, MIEC President and Austin Lowes, Sault Tribal Chairperson</b></li> <li>• <b>Rochelle Ettawageshik, MIEC Vice President, General MIEC Election</b></li> <li>• <b>Keynote Speaker, Dr. Robin Clark, "Giizhik's Teachings on Adaptation &amp; Education"</b></li> </ul>		
	<b>Grand Island I (General Track Sessions)</b>	<b>Grand Island II (General Track Sessions)</b>	<b>Woodlands (Youth Track Sessions)</b>
Friday 10:00-10:15am	<i>Break</i>		



Friday 10:15- 11:15am Series 100	101 <b>The Anishinaabemowin Blossom Project</b> Dr. Kate Riestenberg, Kenny Pheasant, & Dr. Martin Reinhardt	102 <b>Student Success at TCU's</b> Amber Morseau	103 <b>Growing Up NDN</b> Eva Menefee & Robin Menefee
Friday 11:15- 11:30am	<i>Break</i>		
Friday 11:30 - 12:30pm Series 200	201 <b>Maawndonganan Best Practices</b> Paula Finfrock	202 <b>City of Marquette Cultural Trails</b> Tiina Morin	203 <b>Youth Talking Circle</b> Roxy Sprowl, & Eva Menefee
Friday 12:45-1:45pm Plenary Session in Grand Ball Room	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians &amp; Kewadin Casinos</b>  <b>Updates on ICWA</b> Rochelle Ettawageshik		
Friday 1:45-2:45pm Series 300	301 <b>An Introduction to Tribal Health (AITH) Circle Curriculum</b> Dr. Martin Reinhardt & Amber Morseau	302 <b>Food Trauma, Resilience, and Flourishing in American Indian Communities</b> Tara Maudrie	303 <b>Decolonization of Connection to the Living Universe</b> <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Workshop</b> <b>*kits additional \$20</b> Jillian Waterman
Friday 2:45-3:00pm	<i>Break</i>		
Friday 3:00-4:00 pm Series 400	401 <b>An Open Roundtable Discussion on Climate Change &amp; Sense of Place</b> Facilitated by Frank Ettawageshik	402 <b>Michigan Inter-Tribal Land Grant Extension System (MILES)</b> Emily Proctor & Charlee Brissette	403 <b>Reclaiming seeds as relatives</b> Aamoo Amy McCoy
Friday 4:00-4:15pm	<i>Break</i>		
Friday 4:15-5:15pm Series 500	501 <b>Is my prayer protected? Analyzing public vs private speech in school</b> Anna Bruty & Peter Shinkai	502 <b>Kinship Programs in Tribal Communities: Benefits for Formal and Informal Caregivers</b> Dr. Suzanne Cross & Dr. Angelique Day	503 <b>Fun with Food Sovereignty!</b> Aamoo Amy McCoy
Friday 5:30 – 6:30 Plenary Session in Dream Makers Theater	<b>Michigan Department of Civil Rights</b> <b>Boarding School Study Roundtable Discussion</b> Melissa Kiesewetter		
6:45 – 7:45 Nigaanigiizhik Bldg.	<b>13 Moons of Anishinaabe Nutrition: Onaabani Giizis (Snow Crust Moon-March)</b> <b>(Includes Indigenous Teas and Cookies)</b> Kariann Paoli & Paula Finfrock		

Saturday 8:30-9:30am Plenary Session in Dream Makers Theater	<b>CMTED and IEI Updates</b> Michelle Simms & Nate Beelen		
	<b>Grand Island I (General Track Sessions)</b>	<b>Grand Island II (General Track Sessions)</b>	<b>Woodlands (Youth Track Sessions)</b>
Saturday 9:30-9:45am Break	<i>Break</i>		
Saturday 9:45- 10:45am Series 600	601 <b>Land Acknowledgements</b> Dr. Emily Sorroche	602 <b>Firekeeping: Making the Connection</b> Sam Doyle & Bonnie Doyle	603 <b>Decolonization of Connection to the Living Universe</b> <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Workshop</b> <b>*kits additional \$20</b> Jillian Waterman
Saturday 10:45- 11:00am	<i>Break</i>		
Saturday 11:00-Noon Series 700	701 <b>Nanabush University: Reclaiming Education Through Anishinaabeg Immersion</b> Linnea Bemis	702 <b>Adaptation for the Indigenous Community and for the Family</b> Larry Jacques	703 <b>Youth Advocacy Panel</b> Facilitated by Roxy Sprowl
Saturday 12:15 - 1:45pm Plenary Session in Grand Ball Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lunch</b></li> <li>• <b>MIEC Distinguished Service Award Presented by Frank Ettawageshik</b></li> <li>• <b>Keynote Speaker, Dr. Suzanne Cross, “Mentorship: Opening Doors for the Success of the Next Generation of Professionals”</b></li> <li>• <b>Closing Ceremony Prayer by Lou Anne Bush and Travel Song by Bahweting Singers</b></li> </ul>		

