

# Ti Novitawi Kocheukaakwe\*

## Virtual Conference Honoring Missing & Murdered Indigenous People



*\*Going back toward home (in Bannock Indigenous language)*



**Idaho  
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Against Sexual &  
Domestic Violence  
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# Welcome

We are all here today for a good reason; we want to learn more about the Missing & Murdered Indigenous People crisis and how we can all help.

There are a large number of Native women and girls missing and murdered each year; no one knows the exact numbers - we just know it's a lot. Native women are beaten, raped and murdered at higher rates than any other race in this country. Why!?

The Federal Government, Tribes and States are beginning dialogue to address the matter. The goals are to increase awareness and determine causes, find ways to communicate and collaborate across jurisdictions and develop a central data collection system so we know what actual counts are. Thank you for attending today, let's work to bring our loved ones back toward home.

**Bernie LaSarte**

*Coeur d'Alene Tribe*

*Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence Board Member*

Welcome to **Ti Novitawi Kocheukaakwe**, honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Indigenous people have survived removal and erasure since settler-colonialism. The legacy of government policies of forced removal, land seizures, and violence result in missing and murdered Indigenous people. Indigenous girls, women, and two-spirit people experience the highest rates of gender violence. The staggeringly high rates of violence suffered by Indigenous people are rarely documented.

We must always tell the stories. Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind was a member of the Spirit Lake Nation, 22 years old and eight months pregnant when [she was murdered](#). Earlier this month, Congress passed [Savanna's Act](#), in her name to strengthen the Department of Justice training, coordination, and data collection related to cases of murdered or missing Indigenous people. Savanna is among the thousands of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples in our country. We ask everyone to honor all Missing and Murdered Indigenous People by committing to being fully present during the plenaries and workshops, by listening with the intention to understand, by centering and following Indigenous leadership, by honoring Indigenous sovereignty and abiding by our treaties. We ask everyone to honor and value Indigenous peoples as whole human beings, by bringing them back home.

**Kelly Miller and Tai Simpson**

*Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence*



It is my honor to welcome you to “Ti Novitawi Kocheukaakwe Virtual Conference Honoring Missing & Murdered Indigenous People.” You are likely aware of the crisis of gender-based violence and exploitation impacting Indigenous communities across our nation. I am privileged to be part of such a vital event that is bringing together citizens from various backgrounds across tribal, local, state, and federal domains, focused on the common goal of protecting the safety and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable in the great state of Idaho.

I commend the steps taken by tribal leaders to end the missing and murdered Indigenous people crisis. And, I laud the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence and the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance for organizing and sponsoring this event, particularly during this challenging time of a pandemic.

Throughout October, you will have opportunities to hear from experts in various fields that impact Indigenous communities. We cannot change the future without honestly reviewing the past, and we cannot do that without a critical evaluation of our previous efforts. And we must do both! Indian Country is a complex maze, which has been a barrier to effective collaboration. We must move forward to establish better relationships that serve Indigenous communities.

We must be honest about the factors that impact violence and safety. We must make a difference. Certainly, collaboration among Native communities, victims, advocates, educators, researchers, law enforcement, policy-makers, and the legal/criminal justice systems can be part of the solution. We must recognize those who have suffered or been ignored in the past, especially the many victims of violence in Indigenous communities. Our collective efforts will in turn strengthen communities, help to prevent violence, and better ensure justice for all members of society. Again, welcome to this important conference.

*Yours truly,*

**Bart Davis**

*United States Attorney*

# Agenda At-a-Glance

## Week 1

- October 6** **Opening Plenary | Sarah Deer – Sovereignty of the Soul: Confronting Gender-Based Violence in Native America**  
Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81709553596>
- October 7** **Plenary | Lenny Hayes – A Silent Epidemic: Violence Against Indigenous Men & Boys**  
Wednesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89674902169>

## Week 2

- October 12** **Indigenous Peoples Day Virtual Celebration**  
Monday, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96267267298?pwd=YXE3WHVmQytabkVwSVZ4cktjMGQxUT09>
- October 13** **Workshop | Tai Simpson – Showing Up In A Good Way: Best Practices for Domestic Violence Advocacy in Indigenous Communities**  
Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82697272276>
- October 14** **Plenary | Nicole Matthews – Organizing to Address Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives**  
Wednesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89495104987>
- October 15** **Workshop | Sheena Gilbert – Why is Historical Context Important and How Do We Shift the Narrative About Victimization?**  
Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87361148096>

## Week 3

- October 20** **Workshop | Jessica Hager – National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)**  
Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85366798965>
- October 21** **Workshop | Tyesha M. Wood – Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018**  
Wednesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86942572120>
- October 22** **Panel | Law Enforcement Panel Discussion**  
Thursday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (MST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (CST) / 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81171227199>

## Week 4

- October 28** **Panel | Sovereignty & Jurisdiction in Indian Country Panel Discussion**  
Wednesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83512838514>
- October 29** **Panel | Survivors' Stories of Violence, Resilience, and Going Home | Conference Closing**  
Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86585091389>



“We begin with the land. We emerge from the earth of our mother, and our bodies will be returned to the earth. We are the land. We cannot own it, no matter any proclamation by paper state. We are literally the land, a planet. Our spirits inhabit this place. We are not the only ones. We are creators of this place with each other. We mark our existence with our creations.”

Joy Harjo, poet of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States

We acknowledge that this virtual conference is being broadcast from the unceded ancestral lands of the Burns Paiute Tribe of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Oregon; the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes of Nevada; and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Idaho and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Idaho.

To learn more about the Indigenous ancestral lands click here: <https://native-land.ca/>

## Touchstone Practices

We invite everyone to commit to these practices to ground our interactions with each other:

Give and receive welcome – In this space we support each other by giving and receiving kindness, and remembering there is enough for all of us to thrive.

All of you is welcome here – Be here with your purpose, gifts and strengths as well as your doubts and fears, your full humanity.

Speak your truths in ways that respect the truths of others – Speaking one’s truth does not mean correcting or debating what others say. Use “I” statements that come from your own experience.

When the going gets rough, turn to wonder – If you feel discomfort, ask yourself, “I wonder what brought them to this belief?” “I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself?” Listen to others and to yourself deeply.

Learn to respond to others with honest, open questions – With such questions, we can hear each other. “I’m curious, can you tell me more?”

Adapted from the Circle of Trust Touchstones

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# Detailed Agenda

## Week One

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**Opening | Welcoming Ceremony**

**Tai Simpson**

**Plenary | Sovereignty of the Soul: Confronting Gender-Based Violence in Native America**

**Sarah Deer**, citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Professor at the University of Kansas

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Sarah Deer will share information about the history of violence against women and two-spirit (LGBTQ+) people in tribal communities and legal changes that will allow tribal nations to assert sovereignty over criminal and civil cases involving victims of crime. The keynote will highlight the role of advocates in engaging in law reform with an aim for justice for marginalized communities. Participants will learn historical context for sexual victimization in tribal communities, review basic legal restrictions on tribal jurisdiction over criminal activity and explore victim-led solutions to address the high rates of sexual assault in Indian country.

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

**Plenary | A Silent Epidemic: Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys**

**Lenny Hayes, MA**, citizen of the Sisseton Wahpeton-Oyate, Project Assistant Sovereign Bodies Institute

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Men are often neglected as victims of all forms of sexual violence including being abused as a boy. It is frightening to realize how widespread sexual abuse and violence is in our society and yet how strong the denial of it is. Through the presenter's own personal story of child sexual abuse, Lenny will discuss the mental health issues that impacts boys and men who experience sexual violence and define the issues that prevent the individual from healing and having healthy relationships.

## Week Two

**Monday, October 12, 2020**

**Indigenous Peoples Day Virtual Celebration**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (MST) /

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (EST)

In the face of so much uncertainty, acutely felt by Indigenous communities, we must amplify celebration. Last year, we came together in person to celebrate Idaho's historic Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation at the Idaho Capitol Rotunda. To ensure we all stay safe during COVID-19, we're moving the celebration to a virtual platform through Zoom this year. Our hope is to bring together even more voices, faces, music, and art spanning across the tribal communities in Idaho. We're learning through the pandemic that technology is a new way of being in community with one another. This Virtual Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration is coordinated by the Indigenous Idaho Alliance.

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Workshop | Showing Up In A Good Way: Best Practices for Domestic Violence Advocacy in Indigenous Communities**

**Tai Simpson**, citizen of the Nimiipuu nation, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

A tapestry of sovereignty, jurisdiction, culture, ceremony, language, and matriarchy is the backdrop for best practices when providing domestic violence prevention and response services within Indigenous Communities. The findings of the Idaho Thriving Families grant listening sessions will be presented during this session. Additionally, we explore lessons learned through the duration of our grant work. These lessons inform best practices on how new and experienced advocates can build capacity in serving Native families impacted by violence in Idaho.



## Wednesday, October 14, 2020

### Plenary | Organizing to Address Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives

**Nicole Matthews**, member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Greater attention has been brought to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. Nicole will share information and engage participants in a conversation around organizing efforts and strategies to elevate the visibility of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. She will discuss what makes Native people more vulnerable to being murdered or to disappear, what these issues look like in your community, how and if systems and media respond, and what confidentiality looks like in these cases.

## Thursday, October 15, 2020

### Workshop | Why is Historical Context Important and How Do We Shift the Narrative About Victimization?

**Sheena Gilbert**, citizen of Stockbridge Munsee, Graduate Assistant at the University of Nebraska Omaha

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Native American's have a history of violence and victimization and it's important to understand the historical context of this violence and victimization and how historical context is still relevant today. Additionally, we need to be more open about having discussions about domestic violence, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, dating violence, and trafficking. When we share our stories with one another and pass them down between generations, we may build a stronger community and gain a better understanding of how to protect ourselves. It is important to continue to build a bridge between researchers, law enforcement, victim services, and other criminal justice agencies by explaining that our stories are our data, and that these (qualitative) data are just as valuable as numerical statistics.

## Week Three

## Tuesday, October 20, 2020

### Workshop | National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

**Jessica Hager**, NamUs Regional Program Specialist

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a national information clearinghouse and resource center for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons across the United States. Funded and administered by the National Institute of Justice and managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas, all NamUs resources are provided at no cost to law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals, and family members of missing persons. Jessica will provide information on the benefits surrounding the use of the NamUs system, discuss the biometric resources that are provided through NamUs/UNTCHI and demonstrate how to register and use the NamUs system.

## Wednesday, October 21

### Workshop | Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018

**Tyesha M. Wood**, Project Coordinator for AMBER Alert in Indian Country

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

This session will be an introduction to AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) and resources that are available to address missing and exploited children's issues in Native communities. The AIIC initiative supports federally recognized Tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover endangered missing or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the tribes and their local, state and federal partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation in protecting children. Attendees will also gain an understanding of the Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018 and the ongoing efforts of AIIC to support the implementation of this Act.



## Thursday, October 22, 2020

### Panel | Law Enforcement Panel Discussion

11:00 am – 1:00 pm (PST) / 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (MST) /  
1:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST) / 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (EST)

Indian Country exists within a complex web of jurisdictions. As a result, obstacles stand in the way of violence prevention and response for many of our Indigenous communities. Join us for a moderated panel discussion including members of law enforcement as we work together to find solutions.

## Week Four

## Wednesday, October 28, 2020

### Panel | Sovereignty & Jurisdiction in Indian Country

**Melanie Fillmore** *citizen of the Lakota nation, PhD candidate*; **Chantel Greene**, *citizen of the Nimiiipuu nation, Vice Chairwoman Nez Perce Tribe*;  
**Ernie Weyand**, *Department of Justice MMIP Coordinator*

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

From representing Tribal Governance through testimony at the state legislature, to working on data analysis, and coordinating National efforts with the Department of Justice—all it requires a deep knowledge of community and collaborative conversations. Panelists in this webinar will discuss their connection to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons and how collaborative conversations help efforts to address this issue in Idaho.

## Thursday, October 29, 2020

### Panel | Stories of Violence, Resilience, and Going Home

10:00 am – 12:00 pm (PST) / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (MST) /  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm (CST) / 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST)

Any work within Indigenous communities must be led by the community members most impacted by violence. We have an obligation to support the healing and resilience of survivors by intentionally creating space for them to share their stories. Their stories help others heal. Survivors illuminate what is standing in the way of justice and their stories aid in creating effective response resources. Survivors show us the foundation of how we address, mitigate and prevent violence in Indigenous communities. Join us for a moderated panel discussion of Indigenous survivors as they share their stories of violence, resilience, and going home.

## Conference Closing

### Tai Simpson



# Plenary & Workshop Speakers



**Sarah Deer** – our keynote speaker, is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma and a professor at the University of Kansas. A lawyer by training but an advocate in practice, Deer’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of federal Indian law and victims’ rights, using indigenous feminist principles as a framework. Deer is a co-author of four textbooks on tribal law and has been published in a wide variety of law journals. Her work to end violence against Native women has received national awards from the American Bar Association and the Department of Justice. She has testified before Congress on four occasions regarding violence against Native women and was appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder to chair a federal advisory committee on sexual violence in Indian country. Professor Deer was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow in 2014. In 2019, she was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame. She currently teaches at the University of Kansas (her alma mater), where she holds a joint appointment in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and the School of Public Affairs and Administration. Professor Deer is also the Chief Justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.



**Melanie Fillmore** – is an urban mixed Hunkpapa, Lakota of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. She is a PhD Student of Public Policy and Administration with the School of Public Service at Boise State University. Melanie has been a data analyst with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence to understand the impact of domestic violence in Idaho Indigenous communities. She is currently working on a study with Boise State University’s Criminal Justice Department and the State of Idaho’s Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance to understand public policy responses to Missing and Murdered Indigenous persons.



**Pamela Foster** – after her daughter’s abduction and death, Pamela Foster began leading grassroots efforts to establish an AMBER Alert in Indian Country. She is currently active in engaging tribal leaders and government officials across the county to implement the AMBER Alert. Pamela was invited to The State of the Union address in 2018 where she had the opportunity to speak with lawmakers asking them to support the legislation that would expand the AMBER Alert child abduction warning system on Native

American reservations by clarifying that Indian tribes are eligible for Department of Justice grants. She received the Champion Award by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for her advocating and efforts to encourage Native American communities to adopt AMBER Alert plans and develop programs to protect children from predators. Pamela continues to work with Fox Valley Technical College on encouraging Indian communities to adopt AMBER Alert programs to protect children from predators.



**Sheena Gilbert** – M.A., Sheena recently graduated with a Masters of Art in Criminal Justice at Boise State University and currently lives in Omaha, Nebraska where she is a first-year doctoral student at the University of Nebraska Omaha. Areas of interests are victimization, Native American crime and victimization, underserved victimization, college campus/ university sexual victimization, and policy reform and Native Americans. While attending Boise State University Sheena completed a thesis entitled, Intimate Partner Violence in a Native American Community: An Exploratory Study. Sheena Gilbert is a Tribal citizen of Stockbridge Munsee and currently a Graduate Assistant at the University of Nebraska Omaha.



**Jessica Hager** – is a Regional Program Specialist for the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs). In her current role, Jessica oversees the NamUs cases for Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. She assists on missing, unidentified and unclaimed person cases in these states through case management, and by securing forensic and analytical resources. Jessica previously worked with the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a Criminal Information Analyst, where she provided support to law enforcement operations through information sharing, analysis and case support. Prior, Jessica worked for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in their Case Analysis Division as an Analyst, where she offered analytical assistance to law enforcement investigating missing child cases. She also supported the NCMEC Forensic Services Unit by participating in cold case reviews and offering in-depth analytical assistance on long-term missing and unidentified deceased child cases. Jessica holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of North Dakota and a Master’s Degree in Forensic Psychology from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.





**Lenny Hayes** - MA, is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton-Oyate of the northeast corner of South Dakota. He is owner and operator of Tate Topa Consulting, LLC. His lived experience and training have made him a sought after workshop presenter on Native American Historical and Intergenerational Trauma and how it impacts the Native

American community as well as the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ individual and community. As a consultant with the MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition he assisted with the development of a curriculum entitled, "How to train advocates to work with sexually assaulted victims as well as Two-Spirit individuals."



**Nicole Matthews** - is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, and is the Executive Director for the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, a statewide tribal coalition for American Indian Sexual Assault Advocates in Minnesota. The mission of this coalition is to strengthen the voices of American Indian women to create awareness, influence social

change, and reclaim the traditional values that honor the sovereignty of American Indian women and children, thereby eliminating the sexual violence perpetrated against them. Their vision is: Creating Safety and Justice for Native Women Through the Teachings of Our Grandmothers.



**Ernie Weyand** - is a retired FBI Special Agent who specialized in the investigation of violent crime. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy (West Point) and has spent over 30 years in service to the United States Government. After his graduation from West Point, Ernie served as an officer in the United States Army

followed by a 22-year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). During his FBI career, Ernie served 19 years as a Special Agent, Supervisory Special Agent, Unit Chief, and Regional Supervisor working with indigenous people and tribal communities throughout the United States. Ernie retired from the FBI in June 2018 and is currently serving as the U.S. Department of Justice Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Program Coordinator for the District of Montana.



**Tai Simpson** - is "The Storyteller" in the indigenous language of the Nimiipuu nation (Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho). Her insight into politics and social justice work are heard regularly within public and private organizations. She is a direct descendant of Chief Redheart of the Nez Perce tribe and a tireless advocate for social justice. Tai's academic background is in Sociology

and Political Philosophy & Public Law at Boise State University. In the community, she serves as an organizer for the Indigenous Idaho Alliance and works as Social Change Advocate with the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence. Tai believes indigenous "old ways" need to come back in style. The old ways are principles on which many indigenous communities build their social and political narratives. As an antiracism activist and community leader, she uses contemporary and traditional Indigenous storytelling to depict the lens of "old ways" and how it is used to protect the sacred, build strength in the community, and keep nature in balance.



**Chantel Greene** - is currently serving as the Vice-Chairwoman of the Nez Perce Tribe and concurrently chairs the Climate Change and Energy committee for the tribe as well. She lives in her hometown of Lapwai, Idaho on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. She holds a Masters of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma.

Chantel is also selected to serve on the Idaho Governor Little's COVID-19 Financial Cares Committee, ensuring transparency and accountability in use of federal funds to fight COVID-19. As part of her work in tribal government, she's appointed to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Community Health Aide Program (CHAP), State and Tribal Governments Working Group (STGWG), Inter-tribal Agriculture Council, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians (ATNI).



**Tyasha Wood** - is the Project Coordinator for AMBER Alert in Indian Country. Tyasha is a former Police Detective with 17 years of law enforcement experience with tribal nations in Arizona. A majority of her police career comprised of work in Criminal Investigations, specifically she was a Detective of Sex Crimes and Crimes Against Children for over 15 years. She has

experience in working with a Multi-Disciplinary Team in Tribal Family Advocacy Centers to ensure safety and protection of children. Tyasha also served as an Executive Protection Officer for the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President for 2 years. Tyasha received her BA in Sociology from the University of Arizona. She is a member of the Navajo Nation.





**Kellen Lewis Trenal (pronounced like “Chanel”)** – is a visual artist, performer, and small business owner who embraces his identities as both a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and a man of African American descent. He aims to increase visibility for underrepresented communities while expanding upon the conversation on identity. As an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, Kellen utilizes a wealth of his Indigenous crafting knowledge, passed down through generations, to explore the intersection of tradition and innovation. He owns and operates Trenal Original, a small visual arts business aimed at increasing underserved communities’ visibility in contemporary culture. Kellen’s works range from hand crafted accessories and jewelry design, to home decor, traditional indigenous regalia, modern apparel, and much more. Each piece is a custom creation: a Trenal Original.



**Elsie Cree** – Yakama & Nez Perce. Elsie is a 29-year-old mom to two amazing kids. She is the youngest daughter of Casey Cree and Della Wheeler. Also the youngest granddaughter to Delores Lookingglass Wheeler, Timothy Wheeler Sr., Virginia Alexander and Ronald Cree Sr. Elsie recently graduated from Washington State University and is currently teaching in

Lapwai Idaho.

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*\*Going back toward home (in Bannock Indigenous language)*



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