

4th Annual National Border Town Racism Conference
April 21-23, 2010 - Spokane, Washington



Tuesday April 20, 2010

5:00-8:00 PM

Pre-Registration

Wednesday April 21, 2010

7:00AM-4:30PM

Registration

7:30-8:30 AM

Breakfast - Sponsored by: *Northern Arapaho Tribe*

8:30-11:15 AM

Opening Traditional Ceremony
Opening Prayer: Chief Earl Old Person, Blackfeet Tribe
Opening Remarks: *Peter "Rusty" Tatsey*, Vice-Chairman BTBC
Glen Nenema, Chairman Kalispell Tribe
Blackfeet Drum Group - Honor Song & Flag Song
Northwest Drum, Northwest ?
Grand Entry Led by: Blackfeet Veteran's

11:15-11:30 Am

Break - Sponsored by: *SK Construction*

11:30-12:00 PM

Indian Civil Rights Opening Remarks:
Rodney "Fish" Gervais, BTBC/Conference Chairman

12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch
Cultural Impact of Racism & Navigating the System of Oppression
Speaker: *Iris Pretty Paint*

1:00-1:30 PM

From Hate Crimes to the Anti-Sovereignty Movement
A Look at Anti-Indian Discrimination
Speaker: *Travis McAdam*

1:30-2:00 PM

TERO - Racism & Tribal Employment Rights
Confronting the Impact of Racism on TERO

2:00-3:00 PM

Residential School
Speaker: Dr. *Dorothy Still Smoking*

3:00-3:15 PM

Break - Sponsored by: *Blackfeet Planning Department*

3:15-4:00 PM

Reservation Border Town Racism, Civil Rights
Speaker: *John Dulles*

4:00-5:30 PM

Civil Rights Panel Open Mic
Members: *EEOC(Director, Michael Baldonado), Human Rights (Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director Washington Human Rights) State & Federal Civil Rights Organization (John Dulles, Former Director U.S. Commission on Civil Rights), Law Enforcement HUD, (Jim Whiteside, NBTR Housing Discrimination)*
The panel will discuss their observations and the unique relationships that exist in border town and reservation communities. Panelists will offer ideas to address and confront racism process discrimination complaints and efforts in strengthening Indian and Non-Indian relationships.

Tuesday April 22, 2010

8:00-8:30 AM

Coffee & Pastries - Sponsored by: *Anchutz*

8:30-9:00 AM

Welcome: Del Laverdure (Indian Affairs Deputy Asst. Secretary)
Opening Prayer - Northwest Tribal Elder

9:00-10:00 AM

Indian Bill of Rights and Tribal Constitutions
Speaker: *Majel Russell*

10:00-10:15 AM

Break

10:15-12:00 PM

Restructuring Tribal Constitutions & Nation Building
Speaker: *Stephen Cornell*

12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch
Indian Trust Case
Speaker: *Elouise Cobell*

1:00-2:00 PM

Nation Building

2:00-2:15 PM

Break

2:15-4:15 PM

Panel Open Mic
Restructuring Constitutions/Nation Building Panel
Members: *Tracy Ching King* (President, Fort Belknap Tribe)
James Steel (Councilman, Salish & Kootenai Tribes)
Rodney "Fish" Gervais, (Blackfeet Tribal Business Council)

Harvard Representative

BIA Representative

Legal Representative

The panel will address the political realities and difficulty that tribal leaders, legal staff and the BIA face. In changing tribal constitutions and the problems that Indian Reorganizations IRA Tribes face. Further the panel will focus in providing solutions in achieving constitutional change and rebuilding their nations.

6:00-6:15 PM

Banquet Dinner Sponsored by: *Crow Tribe*
Introduction

Welcome: Roger "Sassy" Running Crane, BTBC
Meal Prayer: Elder

6:15-7:30 PM

Honoring Carl Venne Memorial Presentation
Crow Drum Group
Family of Carl Venne & Speakers

7:30-7:45 PM

Break

7:45-8:15 PM

Blackfeet Traditional Ceremony & Presentation
Earl Old Person, Chief of Blackfeet Nation
Elders: ***Bruce Wolf Child & John Murray***, Blackfeet Nation
Blackfeet Veteran's Society
Blackfeet Singers

8:15-9:00 PM

Recognition, Honor Ceremony, & Gift Presentations

Friday April 23, 2010

8:00-8:30 AM

Coffee & Cookies Sponsored by: *Riverside*

8:30-9:00 AM

Opening Remarks

9:00-9:45 AM

Protecting and Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty
Speaker: ***Maylin Smith***, University of Montana Professor

9:45-10:00 PM

Break

10:00-11:00 AM

Tribal Sovereignty and Rights of Tribes and Indians
Speaker: ***Steven Pevar***

11:00-1:00 PM

Panel Open Mic

Tribal Leaders and Sovereignty

The panel will discuss methods and provide individual perspectives for protecting and enhancing tribal sovereignty. Political strategies, legal interventions needed to safeguard the continued existence and survival of tribes and Indian Nations.

1:00 PM

Closing Remarks - Where do we go from here?