

# NATIVE VOICES, NATIVE ISSUES

## SPEAKERS SERIES

In Celebration of American Indian Heritage Month—November 2016

The Native American Natural Resource Program (NANRP) in the College of Forestry and Conservation, in partnership with the Pacific Northwest Circle of Success: Mentoring Opportunities in STEM (PNW-COSMOS) and the University of Montana American Indian Science and Engineering Society Chapter will be hosting the Native Voices Speakers Series in celebration of American Indian Heritage Month. We will feature a series of presenters including native scholars, tribal elders, and professors working with tribes to share their research and perspectives with our University of Montana community.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**11:00am**  
**PFNAC 014**

Michel Kohl will present his research journey from undergraduate through to his post-doc. Michel is from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana with bachelor's and master's degrees in Wildlife Biology. He is currently a PhD Candidate at Utah State University and will be starting a post-doc through the Ford Foundation.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am**  
**PFNAC 011**

College of Forestry and Conservation's Wildlife Biology student, Paden Alexander will present his research entitled, "Combining Cutting-Edge Genetic Technology and Traditional Ecological Knowledge to Assess and Monitor Wolverine Distribution on the Flathead Indian Reservation".

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am**  
**PFNAC 105**

We have invited Silas Whitman, a tribal elder from the Nez Perce tribe in Idaho, to present issues that need promotion both at the higher education level and envisioning a segue to tribes for their application.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am**  
**PFNAC 105**

Tribal Water panel discussion. Access to water, especially clean water is a big issue for people. This panel will feature two faculty (Dr. Brian Chaffin, CFC and Michelle Bryan, JD, Professor of Law) and two students (Jennifer Harrington CFC and Ranalda Tsosie Interdisciplinary PhD) whose research focuses on tribal water.

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