

Welcome to the 6th Annual

# MULTICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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Reframing Environmental Education by  
Celebrating Cultural Perspectives

Saturday, May 18, 2019 | 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Hillman City Collaboratory, Seattle, WA





# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

OPENING

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SESSION ONE

- [Queering Environmental Education](#) | Mónica Mesquita (Mixing Chamber)
- [Bird Your Hood](#) | Tiffany Adams (Conference Room & Outdoors)
- [Becoming American: The Journey of a Refugee and Cultivating a Meaningful Nonprofit](#) | Zsofia Pasztor (Incubator)

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

LUNCH

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

SESSION TWO

- [Faith in Food, Farm, Forest Solutions](#) | Narima Amin (Mixing Chamber)
- [Building Resiliency in the Workplace as POC](#) | Kaiwen Lee and Joan Hong (Conference Room)

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

SESSION THREE

- [Community Organizing: Learning from the Tribal Canoe Journeys](#) | Philip Red Eagle (Mixing Chamber)
- [Getting Spicy with Nyema Clark](#) | Nyema Clark (Incubator)

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

KEYNOTE FROM ANGELA SHEFFEY BOGAN

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

CLOSING

# PRESENTERS



## ANGELA SHEFFEY BOGAN

### Sartori Elementary School Principal

Angela Sheffey-Bogan is the Principal of Sartori Elementary School in Renton. She is a veteran educator who is recognized as a visionary and creative leader who is passionate about equitable access, building global citizens, and fostering parent engagement.



## PHILIP RED EAGLE

### Co-Founder of Tribal Canoe Journey

Philip H. Red Eagle is a born and raised Northwest photographer, writer, poet, artist, metal smith and carver. He works with Tribal Journeys, a cultural movement using the canoe as a vessel for cultural renewal.



## NYEMA CLARK

### Executive Director of Nurturing Roots; Avenue South

Clark is the Founder and Director of Nurturing Roots Farm, which is committed to addressing food justice issues in the community. She is also an organizing keyholder of the Black Power Epicenter Collective, and small business owner.



## KAIWEN LEE

### Outdoor Asian and EnviroIssues

Kaiwen 李愷文 (they, them, theirs) works in outdoor and environmental education, field ecology, urban agriculture, habitat restoration, environmental justice, and youth work. Lee is committed to advancing equity and building power in communities of color through institutional and systemic change.



## JOAN HONG

### Outdoor Asian

Joan (she/her) is a founding member of Outdoor Asian and an organizer for Environmental Professionals of Color. She strives to empower communities of color by driving diversity, equity and inclusion both outdoors and in the workplace.

# PRESENTERS



## **TIFFANY ADAMS**

### Naturalist and Educator

Tiffany Adams is an artist, wildlife photographer, educator, and naturalist with a niche for ornithology. Tiffany brings a unique sense of humor and realism to all her endeavors, which makes learning fun and accessible to a diversity of audiences. She can turn the city into a wild splendor to behold.



## **MÓNICA MESQUITA**

### Garden-Based Educator at IslandWood

Originally from Cascais, Portugal, Mónica grew up in a multicultural home where she began to develop her deep appreciation for multiple ways of knowing and being. As a former classroom teacher and current garden-based educator, Mónica is always looking for structured and unstructured ways to challenge normativity, empower youth, and develop her ability to be a culturally sustaining educator.



## **ZSOFIA PASZTOR**

### Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Farmer Frog

ZsOFIA is a certified horticulturalist, restoration horticulturalist, arborist, low impact contractor, and site manager, farmer, and mother of a bunch of kids. She is the Co-Director and Co-Founder of Farmer Frog, an internationally reaching non-profit that targets the growing of food and education on multiple fronts.



## **NARIMA AMIN**

### Founder and CEO of Global Social Business Partners

Narima is a researcher, social business innovator, member of the Muslim Association of Puget Sound, founder and CEO of RISE-UP from Poverty, founder and CEO of Global Social Business Partners, community mental health advocate, and much more.

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SESSION ONE

10:30 AM - 11:30 PM

## **QUEERING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: WHAT CAN A QUEER PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION LOOK LIKE?**

Mónica Mesquita | Mixing Chamber

Environmental education is inherently white, masculine, heteronormative, Eurocentric and steeped in western science; therefore, it is critical that we make space for challenging the oppressive impacts of such a narrow and privileged perspective. A queer pedagogical lens offers one way of expanding our possibilities of being, and of resisting oppressive narratives that find their roots in processes of naturalization, such as racism, homophobia and sexism. This session will include a presentation, time for questions and a workshop portion where we will consider how you might queer up one of your own lessons, habits of mind, or routines. Come away with an understanding of queer pedagogy and its relevance to environmental education, as well as a concrete way to apply it to your workplace.

## **BIRD YOUR HOOD**

Tiffany Adams | Conference Room & Outdoors

Tiffany will be discussing the opportunity that ornithology brings to the city landscape for ecological discovery. Learn how Tiffany got into birding deep in New York City. Cities become alive with nature as Tiffany reveals the diversity and natural history of several bird species with a bit of humor and an artistic eye. Be prepared to go outside for a mini bird walk and talk. Learn how birding can connect city people to their urban environment, and discover something new about the birds we take for granted in our city skyways. Whether you're a classroom teacher or simply someone who is trying to go for more walks, this workshop will reveal your inner birder.

## **BECOMING AMERICAN: THE JOURNEY OF A REFUGEE AND CULTIVATING A MEANINGFUL NONPROFIT**

Zsofia Pasztor | Incubator

Join Zsofia for a passionate discussion into what it means to be American. Zsofia will highlight how her story resulted in the cultivation of Farmer Frog, an internationally-reaching nonprofit focused on food and education. Gain insight into a new perspective and come away with understanding how to cultivate a meaningful nonprofit that reflects the needs and assets of diversely thriving communities.



# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## SESSION TWO

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

### **FAITH IN FOOD, FARM, FOREST SOLUTIONS**

Narima Amin | Mixing Chamber

Narima Amin will be discussing the holistic approach to protecting the environment and climate-smart solutions to building sustainable and just societies. Learn about Islam as a faith that promotes food, social, and environmental justice, and be guided to actions you can take from your home and larger community to achieve the 17 UN Sustainable Goals. including zero hunger, no poverty, good health and wellbeing.

### **BUILDING RESILIENCY IN THE WORKPLACE AS POC**

Kaiwen Lee & Joan Hong | Conference Room

Working in the environmental field often means being inundated by dominant culture in historically (and possibly presently) white-led organizations. Share and explore different ways in which to build resilience in your workplace as people of color. Participants can expect to engage in grounding visualization, small group, and creative exploration activities.

## SESSION THREE

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: LEARNING FROM THE TRIBAL CANOE JOURNEYS**

Philip Red Eagle | Mixing Chamber

Gain insight into the Tribal Journeys canoe movement, which has a 25 year history and now involves over 10,000 people and 100 canoe families from dozens of tribes around the world. The presentation will include history of the journey, and a discussion of the "rules of the canoe" as an education tool. Gain inspiration from a monumental example of community organizing and cultural revival.

### **GETTING SPICY WITH NYEMA CLARK**

Nyema Clark | Incubator

What do government subsidies and jalapeños have in common? Come find out in this interactive workshop. Nyema will discuss politics, media, marketing, and food as liberation. This workshop will end with a fun activity involving spices that you can grow yourself. Audience members will learn how systemic oppression affects our food security, as well as some fun and easy things we can do about it. Come liberate your taste buds and your inner food justice warrior.



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