



Friday, April 24, 2015

9:00 A.M. Gathering in the Great Room

9:30 A.M. Opening Remarks

William Baribault, President of the Richard Nixon Foundation

9:35 A.M. Opening Keynote

Bobbie Kilberg, Former White House Fellow and Staff Assistant to President Nixon's Domestic Council from 1971 to 1973

9:50 A.M. **U.S. American Indian Policy in Early 20th Century**

Panelists will discuss the evolution of American Indian policy including termination and its impact on the American Indian community. Also, the panel will highlight early influences on Richard Nixon pertaining to American Indian policy.

Dr. Duane Champagne, Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies at University of California, Los Angeles, and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law

Dr. Dean Kotlowski, Professor of History at Salisbury University

Robert Prezeklasa, Research Associate and Ph.D. candidate at University of California, Riverside

Moderator – *Dr. Cliff Trafzer*, Distinguished Professor of History and Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian Affairs at University of California, Riverside

11:30 A.M. Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. **American Indian Policy of the Nixon Administration**

A panel of Nixon administration officials and American Indian activists will discuss the policies of the Nixon presidency pertaining to the American Indian communities. This will include the impact of the Special message to Congress on American Indians and the Taos Pueblo/Blue Lake bill of 1970.

Reid Chambers, Former Associate Solicitor of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior under President Nixon from 1973 to 1976

LaDonna Harris, Founder and President of Americans for Indian Opportunity from 1970 to the present

Wally Johnson, Former Assistant Attorney General for Land and Natural Resources in the Nixon Administration

Bobbie Kilberg, Former White House Fellow and Staff Assistant to President Nixon's Domestic Council from 1971 to 1973

Bradley Patterson, Former Executive Assistant to Len Garment, Special Consultant to the President from 1969 to 1974

Moderator – *Dr. Dean Kotlowski*, Professor of History at Salisbury University

3:00 P.M. Break

3:15 P.M. **Courts, Cases, and Contracts**

The panel will examine the legal relationship between the American Indian community and the U.S. Government during the Nixon Administration. Topics will include the Supreme Court decisions, treaties, and termination policies.

Reid Chambers, Former Associate Solicitor of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior under President Nixon from 1973 to 1976

Carole Goldberg, Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law and Vice Chancellor, Academic Personnel at University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Mike Gross, Attorney for the Ramah Navajo Chapter

Moderator – *Dr. Duane Champagne*, Professor of Sociology and American Indian Studies at University of California, Los Angeles, and Professor of Law at University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

4:45 P.M. Keynote

Mark Macarro, Tribal Chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

Introduced by *Dr. Thomas Long*, Editor-in-Chief of Great Oak Press, Coordinator of Public History and Museum Studies and Associate Professor of History at California State University, San Bernardino

Saturday, April 25, 2015

8:30 A.M. Opening Remarks

Michael Ellzey, Director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum

8:40 A.M.

American Indian Activism

The panel will discuss activism of the American Indian community during the 20th century. This will include events such as the occupation of Alcatraz, the Bureau of Indian Affairs building, and the 1973 events at Wounded Knee.

Edward Castillo, Former Director of Native American Studies at Sonoma State University

Dr. Donald Fixico, Distinguished Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University

Ralph Forquera, Executive Director for the Seattle Indian Health Board

Bradley Patterson, Former Executive Assistant to Len Garment, Special Consultant to the President from 1969 to 1974

Daniel Stahl-Kovel, Ph.D. candidate at University of California, Riverside

Moderator – *Dr. Thomas Long*, Editor-in-Chief of Great Oak Press, Coordinator of Public History and Museum Studies and Associate Professor of History at California State University, San Bernardino

10:40 A.M. Break

11:00 A.M. **Tribal Sovereignty and Nation Building: A Conversation with Tribal Leaders**

Panelists will focus on how the policies and actions of the Nixon administration, activists, and courts impacted tribal relationships with the Federal, state and local governments in the 21st century.

Edward Castillo, Former Director of Native American Studies at Sonoma State University

Dr. Julia Coates, Professor of Native Americans Studies at the University of California, Davis

Ralph Forquera, Executive Director for the Seattle Indian Health Board

Angela Mooney D'Arcy, Executive Director and Founder of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples

Sean Milanovich, Cultural Specialist for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Moderator – *Dr. Cliff Trafzer*, Distinguished Professor of History and Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian Affairs at University of California, Riverside

12:45 P.M. Closing Keynote

Dr. Donald Fixico, Distinguished Foundation Professor of History at Arizona State University

Introduced by *Dr. Cliff Trafzer*, Distinguished Professor of History and Rupert Costo Chair in American Indian Affairs at University of California, Riverside