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Friday, March 8th, Session II 10:15am - 11:30am

Workshops	Description	Speaker	Speaker	Speaker	Location
Indian Ed Circle of Knowledge: Collaborating for Native Student Success	Workshop is geared to all Indian Education staff, educators, or folks interested in Indian education. Session will be a designated time to meet, brainstorm, and discuss effective methods towards supporting Native students. Participants will identify barriers to student success, discuss ideas and solutions, and develop goals and actions items.	Stephen Bell (Lumbee), Guiford County Schools - Indian Ed Coordinator	Candice Revels (Lumbee), Cumberland County Schools - Indian Ed Coordinator		Walden
UNCP: Life By The River Camp – Honoring and Celebrating Our Indigenous Waters	Life By The River camp is a partnership between UNC Pembroke and the Lumbee Tribe of NC. The summer camp was designed to focus on the Lumbee Tribe’s relation to their indigenous waters. Each day, kids in grades kindergarten through second, explored how our ancestors used the Lumbee River to live and sustain our culture through hands-on learning experiences. The camp was led by Nancy Fields, Director and Curator of the Museum of the Southeast American Indian. The program also incorporated a “canoe song” where the kids learned a song in the traditional Catawba language.	Nancy Fields (Lumbee), UNC Pembroke Museum of the Southeast American Indian - Director/Curator	Ciera Locklear (Lumbee), Parent, Summer Camp	Rita Locklear (Lumbee), Lumbee Tribe of NC Project IndigeCHOICE - Project Director	Harris (upper lobby level)
NCDSS Child Welfare: Reporting Child Maltreatment & Using Data to Better Serve American Indian Children Through Child Welfare	Child Protectives Services, often referred to as CPS, strives to ensure safe and permanent families for children by protecting them from abuse and neglect. North Carolina requires anyone who suspects that a child is being abused or neglected to contact their local county Department of social services. Comparison data shows that American Indian children are disproportionately represented in all areas of the Child Welfare System. The North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) has begun to intentionally use that data to evaluate its work with American Indian children. This has led to significant improvements in its delivery of services to ensure American Indian children are treated equitably in the delivery of services. This workshop will outline the process of the Child Welfare system in North Carolina and will highlight some of the initiatives in place to better serve American Indian children.	Peter West Section Chief of County Operations NCDSS/Child Welfare Section	Natalie Brayboy (Lumbee/ Haliwa-Saponi), NC Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Business Analyst		Olmstead

<p>NC Office of State Archaeology: Tips for Caring for and Recording Post-Contact Burial Places</p>	<p>This workshop will introduce participants to the NC Office of State Archaeology and their available public resources. In particular, workshop presenters will share the Historic Cemetery Program. Participants will learn about historic preservation strategies, long term management planning, care tips, recording, and more in order to maintain, protect, and honor post-contact burial places.</p>	<p>Melissa Timo, NC Office of State Archaeology - Historic Cemetery Specialist</p>	<p>Rosie Blewitt, NC Office of State Archaeology - Assistant State Archaeologist</p>		<p>Burnham</p>
<p>Wisdom Keepers - Leaving a Legacy</p>	<p>Tribes are at risk of losing valuable knowledge gained over several generations. Tribal Elders, a repository of who and what we are as tribal members, have invaluable knowledge to share with our youth. This presentation will focus on the valuable lessons, words of encouragement, and personal histories of our respective communities. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear what two American Indian Elders have gleaned from their tribal elders, the "Wisdom Keepers". They will share some practical knowledge, insightful philosophy, and personal messages. Meant for the 7th Generation, participants will have the opportunity to interact with the presenters by asking questions at the end of the presentation. The goal of the workshop is to learn a different way of viewing our rich tribal histories and begin to appreciate the sacrifices our ancestors made to make a better life for us.</p>	<p>Vail Carter (Lumbee), Tribal Elder</p>	<p>Laney Emanuel (Lumbee), Tribal Elder</p>		<p>Welwyn</p>

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<p>Indian Ed Circle of Knowledge: Collaborating for Native Student Success</p>	<p>Candice Noel Revels, a proud member of the Lumbee Tribe hailing from the Rennert Community, embraces a commitment to education and community empowerment. Married to Scott Revels, she cherishes her role as a wife and mother to two beautiful children, Oakley and Ellie. Candice is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, holding both a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's in Social Work. With a decade-long dedication to education, her journey began as the Program Coordinator at the American Indian Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. Concurrently, she donned the crown as the Miss Lumbee Ambassador, 2014 to 2015. Taking her passion closer to home, Candice served as a High School Special Education teacher within the Public Schools of Robeson County and then transitioned into the role of School Social Worker for Cumberland County Schools, specializing in Indian Education since 2021. In 2023, Candice embraced a new chapter as the Coordinator for Indian Education of Cumberland County Schools. She is dedicated to enhancing graduation rates among American Indian students and strives to cultivate a positive outlook, fostering success socially, culturally, and economically. Her goal is to be and inspire others to be a catalyst for progressive change within society and a beacon of inspiration for future generations of native learners and leaders.</p>
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<p>Indian Ed Circle of Knowledge: Collaborating for Native Student Success</p>	<p>Stephen Bell is a proud member of the Lumbee Tribe and the American Indian Education Coordinator in Guilford County Schools. Following in the footsteps of his grandparents (Mr Buddy and Mrs Sarah Bell), parents (Ronny and Natalie Bell), aunts and cousins, Stephen began his work in education as a middle school teacher and later a school social worker. For over a decade, he has worked in various school districts, providing counseling for students, as well as training and collaborating with educators and community members to better serve our young people. In his current role as the American Indian Education Coordinator and Board Member for the State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) and Guilford Native American Assoc, he works to create pathways of opportunities and spaces of healing and support for Native youth and young people.</p>
<p>UNCP: Life By The River Camp – Honoring and Celebrating Our Indigenous Waters</p> <p>UNCP: Life By The River Camp – Honoring and Celebrating Our Indigenous Waters</p> <p>UNCP: Life By The River Camp – Honoring and Celebrating Our Indigenous Waters</p>	<p>Nancy Strickland Chavis 18-year museum career has been focused in museum education and administration. She has worked at the Museum of Contemporary Native Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico; The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.; and The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City. Her current role is Director and Curator of The Museum of the Southeast American Indian in Pembroke, North Carolina. She is the first Lumbee graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Museum Studies. Nancy earned a master’s degree in History from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and is currently a doctoral student in the Public History program at North Carolina State University. Nancy’s area of research focuses on Southeastern Native peoples and the American colonial experience. Nancy is a trustee for the North Carolina Humanities Council, and serves as a board member for the Robeson County Arts Council and the Museum of the Cape Fear. Nancy is a member of the Lumbee Tribe. Her family resides in and around the Pembroke area. She was raised in Charlotte with very close ties to her family in Robeson County.</p> <p>Rita Locklear has served, since 2017 as the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Grant Director for two United States Department of Education, Office of Indian Education’s, NYCP grants and currently a third ACE grant, Project IndigeCHOICE. She retired after 34 years in education with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She was a Teacher, Counselor, Director for Safe and Drug Free Schools and finally eleven years as the Director of the Title VI Indian Education Program. These were opportunities that allowed her to be a small part of the lives of some of the best people in the world. Her life of service has been about helping children find their path in life and allowing God to guide her to each of them.</p> <p>Ciera Locklear currently serves as the FATE program coordinator with the School of Education at the University of NC at Pembroke, she is a member of Alpha Pi Omega sorority, and an original member of the Nammy Award winning group Dark Water Rising. She is a two time Alumni of UNC-Pembroke . She is a Co- owner of Credentials Social Club in Pembroke, NC. Ciera also enjoys kayaking, listening to the "Ologies podcast" and of course spending time with her family and friends!</p>
<p>NCDSS Child Welfare: Reporting Child Maltreatment & Using Data to Better Serve American Indian Children Through Child Welfare</p> <p>NCDSS Child Welfare: Reporting Child Maltreatment & Using Data to Better Serve American Indian Children Through Child Welfare</p>	<p>Peter West is the Section Chief for County Operations for the Child Welfare Section of the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS). In this role Peter oversees the teams that have daily interaction with local county staff. This includes the Staff Development Team, the QA/CFSR Team, and the Child Welfare Regional Specialists. Peter has over 25 years of Child Welfare experience to include local county DSS work as well as Guardian ad Litem work. He has served in various roles from frontline staff to supervisor at the local level. Peter has been with NCDSS since 2015. Peter has a Bachelor of English from Lenoir-Rhyne University; a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; and a Master of Theology from Liberty University.</p> <p>Natalie Brayboy is a Child Welfare Business Analyst with Human Services Business Information & Analytics (HSBIA) and has been employed in this position for eight (8) years. Natalie has over 24 years of child welfare experience including 16 years of child welfare experience in County DSS where she was a Child Protective Services Social Worker and Child Protective Services Supervisor. Natalie graduated with her BSW from UNC-Pembroke in 1999. She is very passionate about child welfare and improving outcomes for children and families. Natalie is a proud member of the Lumbee and Haliwa-Saponi tribes.</p>

<p>NC Office of State Archaeology and Tips for Caring for and Recording Post-Contact Burial Places</p>	<p>Melissa Timo is the Historic Cemetery Specialist for the NC Office of State Archaeology supporting descendants and communities research and care for historic cemeteries in all 100 NC counties. She obtained her BS in anthropology and archaeology from Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. She received her MA in historical archaeology, with an emphasis in public archaeology from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL in 2013. She has a passion for connecting people to their local history, historic cemeteries, and archaeological resources.</p>
<p>NC Office of State Archaeology and Tips for Caring for and Recording Post-Contact Burial Places</p>	<p>Rosie Blewitt is an Assistant State Archaeologist and site registrar with the NC Office of State Archaeology, providing project review and technical assistance for northern piedmont counties and overseeing the office's site and report records. As registrar she assigns site and accession numbers for discoveries generated by compliance projects or citizen reporting, managing a database of more than 50,000 sites. Rosie earned her BA in anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis. She received a graduate degree in anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Rosie's previous research has focused on paleoethnobotanical analyses of prehistoric and historic American Indian sites in the southeastern U.S.</p>
<p>Wisdom Keepers - Leaving a Legacy</p> <p>Wisdom Keepers - Leaving a Legacy</p>	<p>Mr. Truex Vail Carter, Lumbee, is a native of Robeson County who has lived in Charlotte since 1970. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1975 and has completed additional graduate work there in Business Administration and Management and was inducted into the UNC-Charlotte Alumni Hall of Fame in 1994. Carter began his professional career with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and was Executive Director of the Metrolina Native American Association. A founding member of United Tribes of North Carolina, he also served on the N.C. Indian Cultural Center Board, served on the Small Business Administration Regional Advisory Board and as a Commissioner on the N.C. Indian Housing Authority. He received a judicial appointment to serve on the Lumbee Self Determination Commission and received the Leadership Excellence in Neighborhood Development award while employed at Bank of America. Since retiring from the Centralina Council of Governments, he and his wife Wanda have given numerous lectures at universities and museums on the subject of North Carolina Indian history and culture.</p> <p>Mr. Laney Emanuel, Lumbee is a Native of Robeson County, having graduated from Magnolia High School in 1968, and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in 1972. Following retirement from the City of Charlotte, he and his wife Pam returned to Robeson County in 2021. Mr. Emanuel taught in Robeson County Schools prior to moving to Charlotte, N.C. where he and his family lived for 40+ years. He retired from a local government managerial position with the City of Charlotte's Finance and Utility Departments. His contributions to the community of Charlotte included his extensive and valued service to New Hope Baptist Church and he helped to establish a Native American Church in the region. Mr. Emanuel also served as an Elections Voting Precinct Official for Mecklenburg County. Further, during the time that his sons were enrolled in the local school system, he served as a valuable and essential contributor to the success of the Indian Education program of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. A long-time interest and skill of Mr. Emanuel has been and continues to be his joy in the research, application, and preservation of Genealogical studies.</p>

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