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A Conference of Tsimshian, Haida and Tlingit Tribes and Clans

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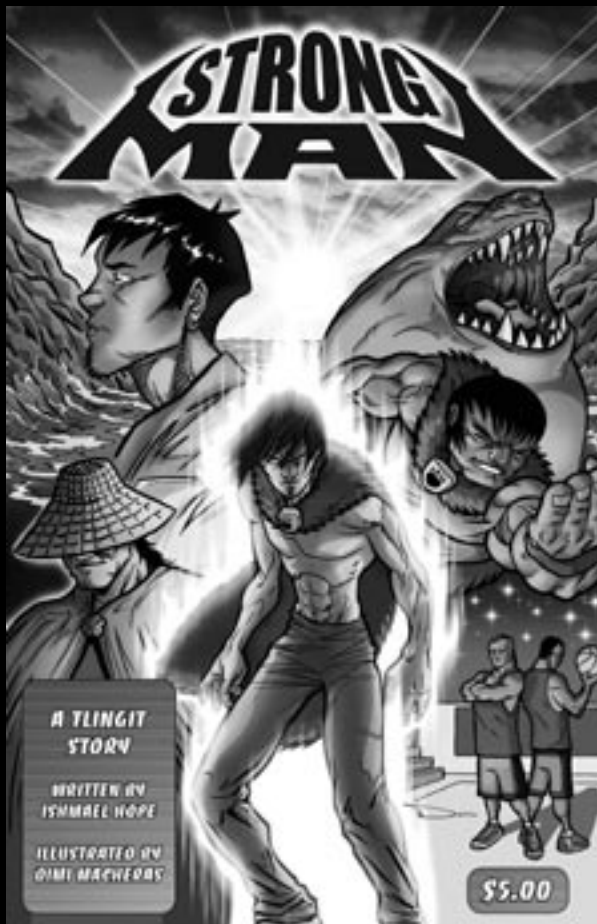
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Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.
Warming of the Hands: A Ceremony of Welcome
Auditorium, Centennial Hall



NEW!

The Association of Alaska School Boards/ Alaska ICE is proud to announce the publication of Strong Man, a traditional Alaska Native story that promotes cultural values as a foundation for youth achievement.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 - 10 am

Plenary Session, Auditorium, Centennial Hall

Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Steve Henrikson, Andy Hope III

Sergei Kan (in absentia)

Becoming a Clan/Clan House Leader

Dan Johnson, Jr. *L.átkuda.een, Deisheetaan* - Basket Bay Arch House

Allan Zuboff *X'anaxtaan, Leeneidi* - Log Jam House

Andy Gamble *Anaaxoots, Kaagwaantaan* - Wolf House

Edwell John, Jr. *Tleeyaa Kéet, Dak'aweidi* - Killer Whale House

10 - 10:30 am Break

10:30 - 12 pm

Plenary Session, Auditorium, Centennial Hall

At.óow: Care and Usage of Clan Regalia

Harold Jacobs *Gooch shaayi, Yanyeidi* - Big House

Irene Dundas *Kaa Iaa Tláa, Tsaagweidi* - House That Anchored the Village

George Bennett, Sr. *Shaawát Guwukaan, T'akdeintaan* - Freshwater Marked Sockeye House

Andy Hope *Ḳaastánch, S'ix'naxádi* - Red Clay House

12 - 1:30 pm

Lunch (on your own)

1:30 - 3:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

**Southeast Alaska
Native Language Retention**

Auditorium, Centennial Hall

Alice Taff (UW), moderator

Alice Taff

Language endangerment, who, where and why?

Paul M. Jackson, Sr., *Gaxtlein*

Virtual community language learning house

Jessica Chester *Seigóot*

Psychological Implications of Lingít Language Loss

Mary Folletti *Daaljini*

Paths to Lingít

■ 2

Ceremonial Regalia

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Megan Smetzer, moderator

Clarissa Hudson and Donna Foulke *Kaakwdagaan*

Regalia Research

Emily Moore

Chilkat Tunics: Towards a Reevaluation of the "Configurative"

Anna Brown Ehlers *Shaawát kátlein*

Chilkat Appreciation

Megan Smetzer

Opening the Drawer: Unpacking Tlingit

Beadwork in Museums and Beyond

■ 3

**Remembering the Old, Building the New:
Teslin Tlingit Councils Tlingitization Initiative**

Community House

Eric Morris, moderator

Teslin Tlingit Council Executive Council & Elders Council

3:00 - 3:30 — BREAK

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

3:30 - 5:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Sharing Our Work: The Artists Speak

Community House

Tanis S'eiltin, Nicholas Galanin, and Evelyn

Vanderhoop *Kaajuud*

Other speakers TBA



■ 2

Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Mary Beth Moss, Moderator

Mary Beth Moss, Susan Boudreau, Ken Grant and Wayne Howell

K'wát' Aaní: Returning to the Land of the Seagull Eggs

Bertrand J. Adams, Sr. *Kádáshaan*

Natural Laws and Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Ken Austin

Our Hearts Are Tied to Glacier Bay

Elizabeth Kunibe

Tracing the Origins of Tlingit Agriculture and Reintroducing Native Cultivars to Today's Gardens

■ 3

Sacred and Historic Sites

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Bob Sam

7:00 PM

**TLINGIT CLAN NAMING WORKSHOP
AND CEREMONY**

Community House

Dan Johnson, Jr.,

George Bennett, Sr.,

Eric Morris *Gooch naawú*

and Allan Zuboff

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 am to 6:30 pm

Artist Exhibits and Demonstrations, Book and Poster Displays

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

8:00 - 10 am

Plenary Session, Auditorium, Centennial Hall

Place-Based Education (part 1)

Andy Hope and Ted Wright, Facilitators

Presentations by Tom Thornton, Clarissa Hudson, Andy Hope, Nora and Richard Dauenhauer, Steve Langdon, Ted Wright, and Ishmael Hope

10 - 10:30 am Break

10:30 - 12 am

Plenary Session, Auditorium, Centennial Hall

Place-Based Education (part 2)

12:00 - 1:30 PM LUNCH (FUND-RAISER)

ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD, SITKA CAMP #1 ANB HALL
WALTER PORTER, STA TLEI'XUE, LUNCHEON SPEAKER
LECTURERS ON THE TOPIC OF THE WISDOM AND HEALING MESSAGES
TO BE FOUND IN MYTHOLOGY—"REGAINING ELDERS' LEADERSHIP"

1:30 - 3:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Caring for Regalia

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall
Scott Carlee

■ 2

What Canoes Mean to our People

Auditorium, Centennial Hall
Paul M. Jackson *Gaxtlein* and Steve Brown

■ 3

Tlingit History during the Russian Occupation of Alaska Community House

The Russians in Tlingit America: The Battles of Sitka, 1802 and 1804

Elaine Abraham *Chooshaa*
The Yakutat Tlingit and the Russians - 1795 to 1825 (*Oral Traditions*)

Judy Ramos *Daaxootsu*

The Yakutat Tlingit and the Russians - 1795 to 1825 (*Russian Traditions*)

Elena Piperskaya

Tlingit Interaction with Other Ethnic Groups of the North West Coast and Alaska before and during the Russian Rule (*based on Russian sources*)

3:00 - 3:30 — BREAK

3:30 - 5:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Our Neighbors: The Haida and Tsimshian

Community House
Margaret Seguin Anderson
Visible Grammar: Tools for Revitalizing Tsimshian Sm'algyax

Tom Abel *Skillaaw*

Reflections on Roots and Resurrections

Mique'l Icesis Askren
Bringing to Light a Counter-Narrative of Our History: B.A. Haldane, 19th Century Tsimshian Photographer

Other Speakers TBA

■ 2

Repatriation

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall
Steve Henrikson *Eech t'ei*, Moderator

Harold Jacobs *Gooch shaayi*
A Canoe's Journey — From Angoon to NYC to Angoon

Bob Sam *Shaakanastáa, Aak'w kwaan Leeneidí* - Dog Salmon House

Repatriation of the Masks of Kaawa.ee to the Dog Salmon House, Leeneidí clan, Auk Tribe

Irene Dundas *Kaa laa Tláa*
Identifying Cultural Affiliation of Saanyaa Kwáan & Taant'a Kwáan At.óow

Eric Hollinger and Harold Jacobs *Gooch shaayi*
Smithsonian Repatriation of the Killer Whale Hat (*Kéet Saaxw*) to the *Dakl'aweidí* clan of Angoon

Stacy Espenlaub
Potlatch Loans: Building New Relationships with Tlingit Clans

■ 3

Ethnohistory (part I)

Rousseau Room, Centennial Hall
Kristen Griffin, Moderator

Wallace Olson

Spanish Voyages to Alaska and history's mysteries

Kristen Griffin

A Terrible Turning Point: Sitka and the 1835 Smallpox Epidemic

Ellen Hope Hays *Kaa Kaltín, Kiks.ádi Naa Tláa*
How We See Ourselves Today as Clans

Gil Truit *Yeeshxá*

The Cottages: A Brief History

3:30 - 5:30 PM
ANNUAL MEETING: SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
PESTCHOUROFF ROOM, CENTENNIAL HALL

5:30 - 7:00 PM BANQUET
AUDITORIUM, CENTENNIAL HALL
NORA DAUENHAUER *KEIXWNEI* AND RICHARD DAUENHAUER *XIWAAYEENÁK*, KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
REVIVAL AND SURVIVAL: TWO LIFETIMES IN TLINGIT

7:00 - 9:00 PM ALASKA NATIVE LITERATURE, POETRY,

THEATER & SONG AUDITORIUM, CENTENNIAL HALL
ISHMAEL HOPE *KAAKWÁASK'* MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Readings and performances by: Nora and Richard Dauenhauer, Vivian Martindale, Ishmael Hope, Bert Adams, Vivian Mork, Walter Porter, Robert Hoffman, and the, Mt Edgcombe High School Yup'ik Dancers (Emilyann White, dance leader)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9am - 5pm Open House

Sitka National Historical Park and Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center

Greg Dudgeon *Kaasdaahéen Yéil*, Superintendent, Sitka National Historical Park

Gail Peterson, Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Ethnohistory (part II)

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Donna Foulke *Kaakwdagaan*, moderator

Judith Berman

Relating Deep Genealogy, Oral History, and Early European Records: Questions, Problems, Progress

Diane Purvis

Whose Justice? Traditional Tlingit Law and the Deady Code

James Simard

Selected Manuscript collections in the Alaska State Library Historical Collections

Ben Paul

The Paul Family Photo and Historical Collection

Donna Foulke *Kaakwdagaan*

A geologist's vision for a Bureau of Ethnology: John Wesley Powell's legacy and impact on cultural and scientific research in Southeast Alaska

■ 2

Traditions of Living with the Land and the Sea: Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Oral Historical Studies of Place (part 1)

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Madonna Moss, moderator

Daniel Monteith *Daneekw*

Tlingit Oral Narratives and Time Immemorial

Wayne Howell

Preserving a Sacred Landscape

Madonna Moss

Native Use of Seabirds from the Forrester Islands, Southeast Alaska

Terry Fifield

Inclusive Archaeology: Research and Partnerships at On Your Knees Cave

Terry Fifield

Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Rock Art in Southern SE Alaska

■ 3

Our Warriors: Old and New Traditions

Community House

George Bennett, Sr. *Shaawát Guwukaan*, moderator

Presenters include George Ramos / Wooshjixoo

Éesh, Kenneth Austin, Chuck Natkong, Tommy

Jimmy, Willard Jackson, Tommy Joseph, Ashley

Verplank, and Steve Henrikson

10:00 - 10:30 AM — BREAK

10:30 - NOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Traditions of Living with the Land and the Sea: Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Oral Historical Studies of Place (part 2)

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Madonna Moss, moderator

John Harper, Bob Sam *Shaakanastáa* and Chief Adam Dick *Tsawateniuk*

Clam Gardens of the Pacific Northwest: Sitka to Puget Sound

Steve Langdon

Deikeenoow: Tlingit Traditional Cultural Property in the Hazy Islands

Thomas Thornton and Kathy Miller

Anatomy of a Traditional Cultural Property: The Saga of Auke Cape

■ 1 (continued)

Madonna L. Moss, Peter M. Bowers, Terence E.

Fifield, Douglas R. Reger, and Vera Asp

Coffman Cove Community Archaeology Project: Education, Interpretation and Research

Lilian Petershoare *Leex'Indu.oo*

Archives Related to Haa Atxaayi Haa Kusteeyix Sitee, Our Food is our Tlingit Way of Life: Excerpts of Oral Interviews.

■ 2

Tribal Historic Preservation Efforts

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

D. Bambi Kraus

■ 3

"No Place Like Home": Documenting Walton Family History

Community House

Joyce Walton Shales, Steve Henrikson, and the Walton Family

12 - 1:30 PM LUNCH

"A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS":

MASTERWORKS OF TSMISHIAN, HAIDA, AND

TLINGIT ART

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1:30 - 3:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Tribal Court Case Law in Southeast Alaska
Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Joe Hotch *Gaxdaakashú*, and Jim Bowen of the
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, WA

■ 2

**Reconceptualizing Fisheries and Fish
Management (part 1)**

Community House

Tom Thornton and Steve Langdon, Chairs

Steve Langdon

*Ish: Thinking about Tlingit Relations with
Salmon*

Judy Ramos *Daaxootsu* and George Ramos

Wooshjixoo Eesh

Traditional Management of Salmon at Yakutat

Janice Criswell *Gitanass* and Steve Henrikson *Eech t'ei*

Reconstructing the Montana Creek Fish Trap

Mark McCallum

**Ancient Heart-Shaped Fish Traps of Southeast
Alaska**

■ 3

**Genealogical Research in Southeast Alaska
Native Communities: Challenges, Rewards,
and Solutions**

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Chris Roth

3 - 3:30 PM — BREAK

3:30 - 5:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Basketry

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Helen Dangel-Lorrigan *Aklé*, and Irene Jimmy
X'akjeek Tláa

The Borhauer Basketry Collection

Hans Chester *Naakil.aan*

Spruce Root Basketry of the Tlingit

Dawn Glinsmann

**Diagnostic Features of Eighteenth-Century
Spruce Root Hats**

Delores Churchill

**A Growing Crisis: Gathering our Materials in
the 21st Century**

■ 2

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Tom Thornton, Herman Kitka Sr. *Kusataan*, Roby

Littlefield *Kooleik* and Ethel Makinen *Daasdiyaa*

**Mapping Salmon Stories, Events, and Names,
an Exercise in Historical Ecology.**

Mike Jackson *K'a.óosh*

**Tlingit Oral Traditions Concerning Salmon
Stock Transfers and Stewardship: From After
the Flood to Now**

Mike Turek, Mathew Brock, and Robi Craig, et al
**Collaborative Salmon Traditional Ecological
Knowledge (TEK) Database Project and
Database Demonstration**

■ 3

Museums

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Rosemary Carlton, Moderator

Robert Preucell

**Shotridge in Philadelphia: Representing
Northwest Coast peoples**

Lucy Fowler Williams

The Shotridge Digital Archive Project

Rosemary Carlton

Sheldon Jackson: Plunderer or Preserver

Clarissa Hudson

**Perspectives on Museums' Positions through
the Native Experience Past and Present**

Sue Thorsen *Laakdu.oo* and Steve Henrikson *Eech t'ei*

**Caring for Clan At.óow at Sitka National
Historical Park and the Alaska State Museum**

5:00 - 7:00 PM OPEN HOUSE

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

ROSEMARY CARLTON, CURATOR OF COLLECTIONS,

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

KRISTEN GRIFFIN, PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF

SHELDON JACKSON MUSEUM

5:30 - 7:00 PM
DINNER (ON YOUR OWN)

7:00 PM DANCE PERFORMANCES
COMMUNITY HOUSE
SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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8:00 - 10:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Alaska Native Music
Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Nancy Yaw Davis

Music in Tlingit Society: Summary of a Library Search – Fifty Years Ago

Maria Williams *Shaan Tlaa*

Contemporary Traditional Alaska Native Music/Dance: What has survived the colonial period?

Elaine Abraham *Chooshaa* and Judy Ramos *Daxootsu*
This is Kuxaankutaan's (Dr. Frederica De Laguna's) Song

10:00 - 10:30 AM BREAK

■ 2

Cultural Centers and "Heritage Tourism"

Community House

Steve Henrikson, Moderator

Lani Hotch Saantaas'

Klukwan Knowledge Camp and Cultural Center

Jim Heaton

House Like a Mirror: The Klukwan Longhouse Project

Bertrand J. Adams, Sr. *Kadashan*

Yakutat Camp #13 ANB Hall History and Renovation

Priscilla Schulte

Totem Pole Parks Tourism

Alexis Bunten

Reflections Upon the Worldwide Native-Owned Cultural Tourism Industry

■ 3

Northern Northwest Coast Native Art History

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Barbara Brotherton *Káasenák*, Moderator

Aldona Jonaitis

On the Edge: Five Contemporary Tlingit Artists

Anne Marie Victor-Howe *Kaayóosh*

Feeding the Ancestors: Tlingit Carved Horn Spoons

Katie Bunn-Marcuse

Tlingit and Haida Silversmiths at the Turn of the 20th Century

Robin K. Wright

Skidegate Haida House Models

Steve Brown *Kaajisdu.áxch*

Kaajisdu.áxch: A Master's View

10:30 - NOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Access Points: Discovering family history resources in the Alaska State Library

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

James Simard

■ 2

Cemeteries: Documentation and History

Community House

Bob Sam

■ 3

Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights

Exhibit Room, Centennial Hall

Presented by Vivian Faith Martindale *Atk'aheen* and Marie Olson *Káayistaan*

NOON - 1:30 PM LUNCH

1:30 - 3:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

■ 1

Issues in Contemporary Northern Northwest Coast Art

Community House

Mique'l Icesis Askren, moderator

Panelists include Michael Dangeli, Evelyn Vanderhoop, and others TBA

■ 2

Traditional Wisdom and Knowledge Today

Maksoutoff Room, Centennial Hall

Walter Porter / *Sta tlei'xue*



~ End of Conference ~