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PROGRAM GUIDE

1st Symposium on Indigenous Language Communities of the Californias (SILCC) Schedule of Events

Thursday, November 21, 2019

9:00am - 9:30am

Registration and Coffee

9:30am - 9:50am

Welcome and Opening Statements

Prayer & Welcoming:

Stan Rodriguez (Director, Kumeyaay Community College)

Event overview, introductions, sponsorships & logistics:

Ray Huaute (Ph.D. student in Linguistics, UCSD)

Language Reclamation & Resilience:

Dr. Gabriella Caballero (Associate Professor, Linguistics, UCSD.),

Nina Kaldhol (Ph.D. student in Linguistics, UCSD)

9:50am - 10:10am

Presentations

Kumeyaay/lipay Language Revitalization:

Stan Rodriguez, Ed.D. (Director of Kumeyaay Community College)

10:10am - 10:30am

Kumiai Language Revitalization:

Yolanda Meza (Language Instructor, Juntas de Nejí Kumiai community)

10:30am - 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 11:05am

Cahuilla Language Revitalization:

Ray Huaute (Ph.D student in Linguistics, UCSD)

11:05am - 11:25am

Luisseño Language Revitalization:

Ami Admire (Language Instructor, Rincon Band of Luisseño Indians)

11:25am - 11:45am

Cupeño Language Revitalization:

Diane Duro (Language & Culture Instructor, Pala Band of Mission Indians)

12:00pm - 12:15pm

Lunch Break

Kumeyaay Birdsingers (Blue Eagle Vigil)

12:15pm - 12:30pm

Cahuilla Birdsingers (Mountain Cahuilla)

12:30pm - 12:45pm

Networking

12:50pm - 1:30pm

Panel Discussion with Speakers

1:30pm - 1:45pm

Q & A from audience

Speaker Biographies



Ami Admire is Payómkawichum from the Rincon Indian Reservation and coordinator of Indian Health Council's mental health improvement grant, Native Connections. Ami directs a travelling storytelling program, the Rincon Youth Storytellers and is a 2019 recipient of the National Indian Health Board's Local Impact Award. She has 20 years of experience, providing medicinal plant and language curriculum for in and out-of-school programs, colleges, and conferences within San Diego and Riverside counties.



Diana Duro is a tribal member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians of the Kupa people. She was born and raised on the Pala Indian Reservation in Pala, California. She is also currently taking classes at Palomar College in San Marcos, California. Her grandmother, Roscinda Nolasquez, was one of the last speakers of Cupeño and a Tribal language teacher until her passing.



Ray Huaute is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Linguistics Department at UC San Diego. His main research interests include, language documentation and description, as well as community-based linguistics and language reclamation. He is currently working on a documentation project entitled "Expanding the Documentation and Description of Cahuilla," which is being funded by a grant from the Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP). Cahuilla is an under-documented Uto-Aztec language of Southern California, spoken in Northern San Diego County and most of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.



Ed McEnespy is a tribal member and Luiseño language instructor for the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, located in Valley Center, California. For the past 3 years, he has been teaching community classes on the Rincon Indian Reservation and has attended numerous training sessions across the country focusing on language teaching and acquisition strategies.



Yolanda (Yoli) Meza is a community member of Juntas de Nejí, a Kumiai community in Baja California. Yoli learned the Ja'a variant of the Kumiai language through her mother and alongside her sisters. However, when enrolling in elementary school she learned to read and write Spanish. Although she has predominantly used Spanish ever since, Yoli has been working for the past few years at the Centro Cultural de Tijuana to teach Kumiai workshops, but is mainly doing all that she can to teach the Kumiai language and traditions to her grandchildren in Nejí. She hopes to continue bringing awareness about the language and promoting Kumiai culture in the years to come.



Dr. Stanley Ralph Rodriguez is from the Santa Ysabel Band of the Lipay Nation. He is a Tribal Councilman for the Santa Ysabel Tribal Government, Director of Kumeyaay Community College, a Board of Directors member for Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival, and a U.S. Navy Desert Storm Veteran with nine years of service. Dr. Rodriguez is an instructor with the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor School, Kumeyaay Community College, a faculty member at Cuyamaca Community College, and adjunct faculty at California State.

This day of talks about the linguistics heritage in the region and the language reclamation work being done in the local indigenous communities was made possible through the support of the following sponsors:



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