



# 7TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

## Thursday, February 25th

**3:45 PM**

Pre-Conference Tech Support

*Join early for tech support and to ask questions about the platform*

**4:00 PM**

Day 1 Welcome and Intro

*Pam Johnson*

**4:10 PM**

Land Acknowledgement

*ChICCCAA*

**4:25 PM**

About EEC Equity & Justice Work

**4:35 PM**

Environmental Justice Youth Panel

*Autumn Yanez-Jacobo, Jason Martinez, Andrea Herrera*

**5:05 PM**

Break

**5:10 PM**

EEC-Facilitated Reflective Conversation

*EEC Equity & Justice Workgroup*

**5:45 PM**

Mini-Grant Video Presentations

**5:40 PM**

Day 1 Closing Statements

*Pam Johnson*



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## Friday, February 26th

Friday's sessions will occur asynchronously. We will not have live scheduled programming on this day. Instead, we have a list of asynchronous activities for registered attendees to participate in on their own time!

Scientific Sketching (recorded session)

*Linda Braatz Brown*

Unleashing the Power of Youth: Youth as Catalysts for Action (recorded sessions)

*Lynne Cherry*

Estamos Aqui Movie Screening

Affinity Group Hangout Hour

*Open shared space for the community to speak on environmental education-related topics and issues*

**5:00 pm**



# 7TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

## Saturday, February 27th

**8:45 AM**

Birdsong

*Aaron Saubel*

**9:00 AM**

Day 3 Welcome and Intro

*Pam Johnson*

**9:05 AM**

Literacy Keynote Panel

*Julia Louise Bogany, Valerie Dobesh*

**9:45 AM**

About the Youth Climate Action Summit

*Juanita Chan*

**9:50 AM**

Break

**9:55 AM**

Workshop Sessions I

- *EE to Support the Sustainable Development Goals*
- *Teaching Environmental Justice*
- *Where does this go again? Reimagining Modern-Day Recycling*

**10:35 AM**

Visit the Resource Center and Exhibitor Hall

**11:05 AM**

Workshop Sessions II

- *Biomimicry: Nature's Superpower*
- *Environmental Justice: Local and Global Perspective*
- *People, Place, Phenomena: Air Quality, Health, and Environmental Justice*

**11:45 AM**

Environmental Learning Resource Guide & New Website Announcements

*Diana Ruiz*

**11:55 AM**

Day 3 Closing Statements

*Pam Johnson*

**12:05 AM**

Optional Social Breakout Rooms





# 7TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

## Sunday, February 28th

**8:45 AM**

Capacitar Self Healing Techniques  
*Wendy Zinn, Linda Braatz Brown*

**9:00 AM**

Day 4 Welcome and Intro  
*Pam Johnson*

**9:05 AM**

Wellness Keynote Panel  
*Tracey Kimura, Naomi Fraga*

**9:50 AM**

Mini-Grant Video Presentations

**9:55 AM**

Break

**10:00 AM**

Workshop Sessions III

- *Environmental Education Learning Opportunities*
- *Watercolor Water Cycle*
- *Engaging Students in Outdoor Education during Distance Learning*

**10:40 AM**

Visit the Resource Center and Exhibitor Hall

**11:10 AM**

Workshop Sessions IV

- *Supporting Student & Family Wellness through Watershed Expeditions Camp*
- *Tour the LandUse Learning Center*

**11:50 AM**

Day 4 Closing Statements and Evaluation  
*Pam Johnson*

**12:00 AM**

Optional Social Breakout Rooms



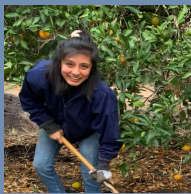
# 7TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

## Thursday, February 25th



### Land Acknowledgment in Our California Inland Region

Mary Valdemar (She/Her/Hers) has been an advocate in the Inland Empire and at San Bernardino Valley College for over 20 years. Her passion for advocacy started as a student and continued as a struggling single mother, Chicana Indígena feminist and environmental advocate with a special focus on decolonizing and working on bringing together Black, Brown and Indigenous communities. She currently serves on several Diversity, Equity and Inclusion bodies within the community college district and coalitions throughout the Inland region including the Civil & Human Rights Committee of the Inland Empire Labor Council, the Co-Chair of the Ethnic Studies Inland Empire Coalition, as Co-Founder of ChICCCCAA the only grassroots service cooperative in the IE, and the lead organizer for Village and Child Co-Op/Women's Sacred Circle. She also serves as one of the founding members of ChICCCCAA Black and Brown Unity Project which focuses on the intersection of struggles amongst local community issues. Mary is also an active member of the Indigenous D.R.U.M. Coalition and several other organized movements to bring together people of color through their struggles and decolonizing practices. Mary has a strong commitment to innovating, developing and implementing alternative solutions to our communities' struggles with a perspective rooted in Indigenous practices, dismantling systems that perpetuate oppression and creating autonomous thriving communities that honor all beings, including our Mother Earth as sacred.



### Environmental Justice Youth Panel

Autumn Yanez-Jacobo - Hello! My name is Autumn, I am a recent Class of 2020 graduate from Cal State San Bernardino, where I received my BA degree in Environmental Studies and minor in Global Studies. I currently work for the IERCD as the CSUSB Garden Agriculture Coordinator, where I maintain the campus garden and assist with planning garden related events! I also work for Huerta del Valle Community Garden as the Community Supported Agriculture Coordinator where I manage weekly produce markets and a produce box subscription program.

Through my work and studies, I hope to make fresh food more accessible to underprivileged areas in the Inland Empire, while also advocating for sustainable/ethical practices and lifting up groups that have been underserved.

Andrea Herrera is a 7th-grade student at San Jacinto Unified School District.

Jason Martinez has been a member of ChICCCCAA (Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action) since he was sixteen. He now leads the Mother Earth Rising Co-Op and supports many projects in the Inland Region.

## Friday, February 26th



### Unleashing the Power of Youth: Youth as Catalysts for Action

Lynne Cherry is the author and illustrator of over thirty award-winning books for children. Her best-selling books such as *The Great Kapok Tree* and *A River Ran Wild* teach children a respect for the earth, have sold over a million copies, and are translated into many languages. Lynne is also a filmmaker and has produced and directed seven short movies, *Young Voices on Climate Change*, that tell the stories of young people who have reduced the carbon footprint of their homes, schools, communities, and states. Two of these movies screened at The American Museum of Natural History during their climate exhibit and at the UN IPCC Climate Talks (COP15) in Copenhagen in December. Lynne screened her films in Copenhagen realizing that the decisions made there about the energy path we have taken will greatly affect future generations. Lynne's film project is designed to create a paradigm shift in the way that society views, and acts to abate, global warming; As with the successful campaigns for wearing seat belts, stopping smoking, littering, and recycling, youth played a big role. A trailer of the films can be seen on the websites of many non-profits and at [www.YoungVoicesonClimateChange.com](http://www.YoungVoicesonClimateChange.com).

## Saturday, February 27th



### Cahuilla Birdsong

Aaron Saubel is a tribal member from the Los Coyotes Tribe of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians in Warners Hot Springs. He also serves all Cahuilla communities by keeping traditional ceremonial songs alive. Aaron Saubel is a volunteer at Malki Museum. He works to give special tours for the museum's botanical garden. He also instructs various courses throughout the year that are offered at Malki Museum, as well as, through Morongo Cultural Heritage Department. He instructs classes that teach the community about Cahuilla culture, music, and native plants. His knowledge of plants comes from growing up learning from his grandmother Katherine Saubel. Aaron currently works as a Community Health Worker with Riverside San Bernardino County Indian health Inc.





# 7TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

## Saturday, February 27th (Continued)



### Literacy Keynote Speaker

Julia Bogany is a member of the Gabrieleno-Tongva tribe, is on their Tribal Council, and is their Cultural Consultant. Julia constantly, incessantly, voluntarily teaches, attends meetings, and sits on Boards to help her tribe; she usually does this without pay. Her calendar is full a year ahead of time. She has worked for over twenty years for the American Indian community for her Gabrieleno-Tongva tribe. She has provided cultural, FASD, ICWA, training, and workshops in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside areas. She has also provided workshops in Sacramento for the California Rural Indian Health Board Woman's conferences. Ms. Bogany consults with and trains teachers/school boards on how to revise their curriculum to reflect the correct history of California and California tribes. She wants to change the future for her tribe, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; this is her way of doing it. She cares for her great-grandchildren and teaches them arts, crafts, language, and culture. All the work she's done for the past twenty years is for their future and for the future of her Gabrieleno-Tongva tribe. <http://www.tobevisible.org/>



### Literacy Keynote Speaker

Valerie Cardenas Dobesh: Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health Inc. San Manuel Clinic Behavioral Health Services/ Community Health Workers program in Grand Terrace. I specialize in Community Outreach/ Prevention Education connecting with community and educating now for 17 years in mental health. I am also a Master Herbalist and Master Gardener. I take great pride in working and teaching hands on with local communities.

## Sunday, February 28th



### Capacitar Self Healing Techniques

Linda Braatz Brown serves as a consultant and thought partner for Action Driven Inquiry. She has over 33 years of service in public education, retiring from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools as the Science Coordinator serving over 32 school districts. Linda has been deeply involved in the implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards locally, regionally, and throughout the state.



### Capacitar Self Healing Techniques

Wendy Zinn has a varied background in both business and education including, owner of her own financial firm for over 35 years. When retiring from business and moving into education she has worked on many projects in both formal and nonformal education. She retired from the San Bernardino Community College District and is now consulting and runs summer camps for gifted children in California and Maryland.



### Wellness Keynote Speaker

Naomi Fraga is Director of Conservation Programs at California Botanic Garden. She received her PhD and MS in Botany from Claremont Graduate University and her BS in Biology and Botany from Cal Poly Pomona. Her research interests include the study and conservation of native plants in California. Naomi also serves on the board of the Southern California Botanists, Amargosa Conservancy, and is chair of the Environment and Public Policy Committee for the American Society for Plant Taxonomists.



### Wellness Keynote Speaker

Tracey (Walters) Kimura: (she/hers) I'm a fifth generation Japanese American farmer, and I am proud to be born and raised in the Inland Valley and to serve those in my region. Even though I grew up around agriculture, I found my calling late in life but when I got involved with my first community garden at UCR in 2014, I knew then I wanted to be a farmer. Since then I have navigated a career path in agriculture, and I continue to evolve each year. Over the years I've been working in various agriculture projects including school, community, and home gardens and have worked with all ages. I absolutely love what I do, and I am so happy to share my passion and journey with others that are also interested and excited to become farmers. Everything I do is to support the next generation of farmers to be able to steward land so that it may be protected from more harmful development projects like warehouses. I believe wholeheartedly in Huerta del Valle's vision to grow a garden every mile - and I am so honored to be their farmer training program coordinator.