

SEEDTMing Prospectives

119 QUINCY ST NE STE. W-ALBUQUERQUE NM, 87108
VOLUME 1-ISSUE 1

WWW.SEEDGRADUATEINSTITUTE.ORG 505-792-2900
SUMMER 2010

SEEDTM LANGUAGE OF SPIRIT CONFERENCE

The 12th annual Language of Spirit Conference this year is going to be an exciting one. According to SEED President Shawn Secatero, the theme for this year's event "Time Travel" will not only fascinate those in attendance, but it will be something that will be talked about for years to come.

Never before has the idea been brought together from two very different prospective, The Western View and the Indigenous Ideals. What does Time Travel actually have to

do with the Indigenous peoples of America? Let alone the world? Can Time Travel exist in modern culture? These and plenty more of these questions will be discussed at the 12th Annual International Language of Spirit Conference, held on August 15th through the 17th, 2010 at the beautiful Embassy Suites, located near Downtown Albuquerque!

"The Language of Spirit Conference is one of the most important conversations going on in the Western world today —



a new vision of science, spirit and the nature of reality. It will affect how you think and how you live." — Jim Ryan, PhD



PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

As part of the Language of Spirit Conference, we also have the pre-conference workshops which will take place on August 14th, 2010 at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, NM. F. David Peat will highlight the pre-conference workshops by discussing this year's

topic Time Travel. Also on the for the conference is Dennis Martinez, who will discuss space-Time Unity and Kincentric Ecology. James O'Dea will present Time Travel in the Cauldron of Human Experience and SEED President; Dr. Shawn Secatero will discuss American

Indian Well-being. During the evening festivities we will hold The Language of Spirit Documentary "SEEDing Change" and the premier of Norman Patrick Brown's "The Rainbow Boy". \$175 for the Saturday Pass and \$59 for individual workshops.

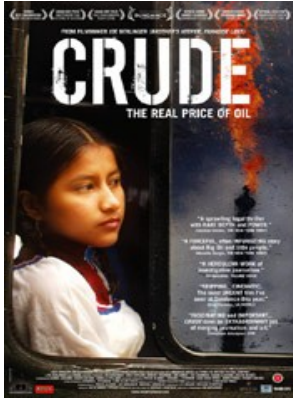
DID YOU KNOW???

The present population of 5 billion plus people of the world is predicted to become 15 billion by 2080.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

CRUDE/CNM	2
TRILLION SPACE	2
NAVAJO TACOS	2
GLENN A. PARRY	3
TALKING STICK	3
SEED PRESIDENT	4
FUDDRUCKERS	4



“CRUDE” SHOWING AT CNM

The Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development and Central New Mexico Community College’s Native American Student Club began partnering on April 29th, 2010 and had our first screening of “CRUDE: The Real Price of Oil”. The landmark case takes place in the Amazon jungle of Ecuador, pitting 30,000 indigenous and colonial rainforest dwellers against the U.S. oil giant Chevron. The plain-

tiffs claim that Texaco – which merged with Chevron in 2001 – spent three decades systematically contaminating one of the most bio-diverse regions on Earth, poisoning the water, air and land. The plaintiffs allege that the pollution has created a “death zone” in an area the size of the Rhode Island, resulting in increased rates of cancer, leukemia, birth defects, and a multiplicity of other health ailments. They further allege

that the oil operations in the region contributed to the destruction of indigenous peoples and irrevocably impacted their traditional way of life. Chevron vociferously fights the claims, charging that the case is a complete fabrication, perpetrated by “environmental con men” who are seeking to line their pockets with the company’s billions.

“18.5 BILLION GALLONS OF HIGHLY TOXIC WASTE SLUDGE INTO THE STREAMS AND RIVERS ON WHICH LOCAL PEOPLE DEPEND ON FOR DRINKING, BATHING, AND FISHING. “

“FROM THE BADLANDS TO ALCATRAZ” SHOWING AT THE TRILLION SPACE

Dozens were in attendance for our third Talking Stick Film Dialogue session: “From the Badlands to Alcatraz”. About the film: “*Nobody ever really escapes from Alcatraz. Once you swim it, it stays in you forever.*” True enough for the ever-increasing numbers who do this swim in extreme sports and triathlon circles but irrefutable for the group of

swimmers heading out to Alcatraz Island at the start of the film “**From the Badlands to Alcatraz.**” The five Oglala Lakota have come from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation along the southern edge of the Badlands in South Dakota to take part in a weeklong San Francisco-based wellness program that culminates in a swim from Alcatraz to the San Francisco shore.

Just as the prisoners who attempted to escape from Alcatraz were swimming for their lives, these youth, too, are swimming for lives—theirs and their families and friends—swimming on a mission for their tribe, reminding themselves why they are doing this: “*Oyate kin nipi kte: So that the people will live...*” Thank you to NHI and The Trillion Space!



A Picture of a “Navajo” Taco!!!

NAVAJO TACO SALE!!! AT SEED™

Can you say NAVAJO TACO! Well, dozens of people did on April 9th, 2010 at the SEED Main Office as we had a very busy day preparing the delicious local food item.

Headed up by SEED Project Assistant: Samantha Tso, The Navajo Tacos are made up of Native American Style Fry Bread, Grounded Beef, Pinto

Beans, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Diced Onions. Served with this item were chips and a drink.

“It was good to see the people come out and support SEED, and hopefully everyone enjoys the food!” said Shawn Secatero, PhD/President of SEED.

A very busy morning, the

SEED crew had volunteers to help with the making and delivery of the said Navajo Tacos. The fundraising events was a profitable one, and one we here at SEED will definitely do again in the upcoming months. Any questions on fundraising or working with us to set up a fundraising event, give us a call (505) 792-2900.

SEED™ CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD-GLENN APARICIO PARRY

I have been asked to write a little something about what I am up to after stepping down from being president of SEED for the past decade and a half. The first thing I must say is that I feel incredibly blessed to have dedicated my life to SEED during the past fifteen years. The people I have met and the experiences I have had have been so enriching. It is sometimes hard to believe that it has come to an end, but it was time and I feel so grateful that Shawn Secatero is now stepping up and fulfilling the role of president of SEED.

He is exactly what SEED needs at this time. And it is all a beautiful irony. His father, Leon Secatero, who meant so

much to all of us here at SEED, was the one who whispered in my ear to have SEED be grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing. Ten years later, his son would become the new president of SEED. Who could have known? Well, I wouldn't put it past Leon to have known. In any case, ten years after the beginning of the Language of Spirit conferences, Shawn was finishing his PhD and looking for a new challenging position. It was meant to be. I am so glad that SEED is in good hands.

Leon always told me that SEED would be around for a long long time. He just didn't tell me I would be. Well, actually, I am still on the

board of SEED, and writing a book based on my experiences, particularly with the Language of Spirit dialogue. The book is called "*Original Thinking: A Dialogue on Time, Humanity, Education and the coming Future.*" In short, the book is a dialogic inquiry into how we got to where we are, what it means to be human, how education can renew its original purpose and how we can truly think originally. I define original as increasingly inclusive, interconnected and whole. To the extent that I have learned to think that way, I owe it all to my experiences at SEED.

SEED™



Glenn Aparicio Parry:
Chairman of the Board

WHEN GLASS BREAKS, THE CRACKS MOVE FASTER THAN 3,000 MILES PER HOUR. TO PHOTOGRAPH THE EVENT, A CAMERA MUST SHOOT AT A MILLIONTH OF A SECOND!

TALKING STICK FILM DIALOGUE

When the First Ever Talking Stick Film Festival happened in 2008, it was the biggest Native American film festival TO DATE! A huge accomplishment for the American Indian community and a big step for Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development. Fast forward two years later and now SEED host's Talking

Stick Film Dialogue sessions. Our first came at Central New Mexico Community College, in partnership with the Native American Student Club with our showing of "CRUDE" (see page 2). Our second Dialogue occurred at the Center for Peace and Justice, another "CRUDE" showing. Our third was at the Trillion Space with the show-

ing of "From the Badlands to Alcatraz". The media is there for anyone to get the message across. Our dialogue sessions have been growing since it's inception and we are continuing the tradition. We thank all of our attendees for making this possible and we have more to come in the near future!





SOURCE FOR EDUCATIONAL
EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

119 Quincy St. NE Ste. W
Albuquerque, NM 87108

If you have any stories about SEED, please contact
us!

Phone: 505-792-2900

Fax: 505-265-4655

E-mail: seed@seedgraduateinstitute.org

WWW.SEEDGRADUATEINSTITUTE.ORG

SEEDing Prospectives Editor:

Darrell Leighton



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, (Yaa'at'eeh!)

It has been a great and wonderful experience here at SEED. Since I began my current position as SEED President, I have met many intriguing people who have influenced me to continue our mission of bridging indigenous knowledge and western ways of thinking. In addition, it has been a great learning experience.

I feel privileged to have three wonderful staff members who are Darrell Leighton, Bernice Hood and Samantha Tso. They provide a very important support asset with the daily operations of SEED. In addition, I am also grateful for the support of Glenn Parry, SEED Chairman of the Board of Directors.

We have been busy with events that pertain to our film dialogues, fund-raising efforts, the Language of Spirit conference, and grant funding opportunities. My vision is to continue our partnerships which are vital in keeping SEED alive to grow and prosper. In addition, we plan on re-establishing our SEEDlings component which includes the active involvement of our youth.

We are also very excited about our main event for this year which is the 12th Annual Language of Spirit Conference. The theme this year is "Time Travel," which promises to be a very intriguing dialogue session. We will feature great physicists and scientists who will intertwine dialogue with time travel. In addition, we will also feature the debut of the Navajo film, "Rainbow Boy."



We hope that you can join us at our Language of Spirit conference. Please feel free to contact me here at SEED if you would like to join in the support of our efforts. Ahe'hee (Thank you).

Shawn Secatero, Ph.D.
SEED President

FUDDRUCKER'S BURGERS AND.... SEED

"Just make sure it's on a Sesame SEED bun!!!" Quoted SEED Chairman of the Board Glenn Aparicio Parry when it was announced that SEED is partnering with Fuddrucker's World Famous Burgers. It was on April 23rd, 2010 at the Jefferson and I-40 Store here in Albuquerque that the partnership began. Our recent event occurred on May 20th, 2010 at the Coronado Mall store on Menaul and Louisiana. Both were successful campaigns in which a portion of the proceeds went to the Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development. SEED is very

happy to have such a working relationship with Fuddrucker's. Shawn Secatero, President of SEED, was also quoted during the last fundraiser: "Geez, that's a big burger! And they are giving fries with that!?!?!?!?" Look to our website www.seedgraduateinstitute.org or call 505.792.2900 for more information on our upcoming activities and fundraisers in the Albuquerque area. If you know someone that is interested in working with Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development in fundraising, please let us know!!!



Fuddrucker's and SEED team up.