

# AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

*A Gathering: Strengthening The Circle*

February 29 – March 1, 2008

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

## SCHEUDLE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

#### *The Mind, Body and Spirit Connection*

7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.      **Registration**      UC Annex Lobby

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**      UC Annex Lobby

### MORNING SESSION

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.      Mistress of Ceremonies      UC Annex Assembly Room  
Dr. Helen Scheirbeck (Lumbee)  
Elder-in-Residence  
Retired Assistant Director of Educational Programming,  
National Museum of the American Indian  
Washington, D.C.

#### **Welcome**

Rosa Winfree (Lumbee)  
Chairperson, Conference Planning Committee

#### **Posting of the Colors**

Lumbee Honor Guard

#### **National Anthem**

Alicia Thomas (Lumbee)  
Financial Services, SunTrust Bank  
Durham, N.C.

#### **Ceremonial Blessing**

Mark Deese (Tuscarora)  
Youth Development Specialist, Indian Education  
Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

#### **Flutist**

Tony Clark (Lumbee)

#### **Greetings**

Dr. Allen C. Meadors  
Chancellor, The University of North Carolina Pembroke

**Presentation of Check to Scholarship Fund**

Kayron Maynor (Lumbee)

Social Worker, Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

- 8:45 - 9:15      **Keynote Speaker**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
"A Return to Cultural Values: The Survival of a People"  
Wanda Maynor Carter (Lumbee)  
Management Team, National Reserve Bank  
Charlotte, N.C.
- 9:15 - 9:45      **Speaker**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
"Sharpening Our Intellectual Potential"  
Theresa J. Blanks (Waccamaw-Siouan)  
Retired Principal, Columbus County (N.C.) Schools
- 9:45 - 10      **Break**      UC Annex Lobby
- 10 - 10:30      Talking Circle      UC Annex Assembly Room  
Facilitators and Participants
- 10:30 - 11      **Speaker**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
"Look at the View"  
Dr. Cathy Lowery Graham (Lumbee)  
Scotland County Extension Director,  
N.C. Cooperative Extension
- 11 - 11:30      **Talking Circle**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
Facilitators and Participants
- 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.      **Speaker**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
"Taking Care of Ourselves from the Inside Out"  
Lisa Huggins Oxendine (Lumbee)  
Author and Adjunct Professor, UNC Pembroke

**LUNCHEON**

- 12 - 1:30 p.m.      Mistress of Ceremonies      UC Annex Assembly Room  
Mardella Sunshine Costanzo (Lumbee)  
President, Native American Student Organization  
UNC Pembroke

**Greetings**

Greg Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi)

Executive Director, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

Raleigh, NC

**Musical Selection**

Alicia Thomas

**Blessing**

Kimberly Oxendine Owen (Lumbee)  
 Graduate Student, Gordon Conwell Seminary  
 Charlotte, N.C.

**Lunch****Introduction of Speaker**

Dr. Linda Oxendine (Lumbee)  
 Professor, American Indian Studies  
 UNC Pembroke

**Keynote Speaker**

*“Using Traditional Indian Values in a Contemporary World”*  
 LaDonna Harris (Comanche)  
 President, Americans for Indian Opportunity  
 Albuquerque, N.M.

**Special Presentation**

Mark Deese (Tuscarora)  
 Youth Development Specialist, Indian Education  
 Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)  
 and Ambassador, Americans for Indian Opportunity

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

1:30 - 2	<b>Talking Circle</b> Facilitators and Participants	UC Annex Assembly Room
2 - 2:30	<b>Grand Summary of Talking Circles</b> Facilitators	UC Annex Assembly Room
2:30 - 2:45	<b>Break</b>	UC Annex Lobby
2:45 - 3:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>“Sexual Violence”</i>	UC Annex Assembly Room
	Moderator Dr. Ulrike Wiethaus Professor, Humanities Wake Forest University	
	Adiyah Ali Field Organizer, Amnesty International USA	
	Margaret Crites Director, Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County Lumberton, N.C.	



Third Grade, Prospect School  
Maxton, N.C.

**Special Presentation**

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods (Lumbee)  
Retired School Administrator and  
Director, Sacred Pathways, Inc.  
Pembroke, N.C.

**Special Entertainment**

Aubrey Young (Lumbee)  
Eighth Grade, Queens Grant Traditional School  
Charlotte, N.C.

**Recognition of 2007 Honorees and Presentation of 2008 Awards**

Vicki Ransom (Lumbee)  
Regional Program Consultant, N.C. Immunization Branch

Brittany Simmons (Waccamaw-Siouan)  
Miss Indian North Carolina

**Musical Selection**

Kenda Hunt

**Poem:** *“What Will Matter”*

**SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2008**

7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.    **Registration**    UC Annex Lobby

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.    **Continental Breakfast**    UC Annex Lobby

**MORNING SESSION**

**Concurrent Strands**

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.    **Main Strand**    UC Annex Assembly Room  
*“Best Practices in American Indian Education”*

**Youth Strand**    UC Lounge  
*“Building Tomorrow Today”*

**Entrepreneurship Strand**    UC Room 213  
*“Indian Women Minding Their Own Businesses”*

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**Main Strand**  
*“Best Practices in American Indian Education”*

(running concurrently with youth and entrepreneurship strands)

**MORNING SESSION**

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.      Mistress of Ceremonies      UC Annex Assembly Room  
Dr. Olivia Holmes Oxendine (Lumbee)  
Assistant Professor, Education  
The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

**Welcome**

Rosa Winfree (Lumbee)  
Chairperson, Conference Planning Committee

**Musical Selection**

Carmen Deese (Lumbee)  
Corporate Marketing Manager, Dougherty Machine Company  
Charleston, S.C.

**Flutist**

Tony Clark (Lumbee)

**Morning Inspiration and Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Johnny Hunt (Lumbee)  
Superintendent,  
Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

8:45 - 9:15      **Keynote Speaker**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
*“The American Indian Student in North  
Carolina Public Schools: Our Report Card”*  
Dr. June S. Atkinson  
North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction

9:15 - 10      **Panel Discussion**      UC Annex Assembly Room  
*“Best Practices in American Indian Education”*

Moderator  
Dr. Olivia Holmes Oxendine

Dr. Brenda Dial Deese (Lumbee)  
Director, Student Support Services  
Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

Felicia Maynor Locklear (Lumbee)  
Principal, Brooks Museums Magnet School  
Wake County (N.C.) Schools

Mabel Revels (Lumbee)  
Retired Principal,  
Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

9:50 - 10	<b>Break</b>	UC Annex Lobby
10 - 11:30	<b>Breakout Sessions with “Best Practices” Panelists</b> (In 30-minutes cycles, participants will have the opportunity to meet with each panelist.)	UC Annex Assembly Room
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>“National Native Education Issues and Policy Review”</i> Dr. Willard Sakiestewa Gilbert (Hopi) President, National Indian Education Association and Professor, Northern Arizona University	UC Annex Assembly Room
12 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (Note: During lunch, youth and entrepreneurship strands will join the main strand in the University Center Annex Assembly Room for afternoon events.)	UC Annex Assembly Room

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**Youth Strand**  
**“Building Tomorrow Today”**  
 (running concurrently with main and entrepreneurship strands)

**MORNING SESSION**

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	<b>Welcome</b>  Moderators Rita Locklear (Lumbee) Director, Indian Education Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)  Jamie Goins (Lumbee) Lumbee Youth Council	UC Lounge
8:45 - 9:15	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>“Take a Stand and Get Ready for Change”</i> Mary Kim Titla (San Carlos Apache) Publisher, NativeYouthMagazine.com and Candidate, Arizona’s 1 <sup>st</sup> Congressional District	UC Lounge
9:15 - 10:15	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>“College Transition and Success: Life after High School”</i>  Brandi Brooks (Lumbee) Alumnus, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  Concetta Lowery (Lumbee)	UC Lounge

Student, Dartmouth University

Mardella Sunshine Costanzo (Lumbee)  
Student and President, Native American  
Student Organization, UNC Pembroke

10:15 - 10:30      **Break**      UC Annex Lobby

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.      **Breakout Sessions**      UC Lounge

Session I: “*Money Matters*”

Christina Strickland Theodorou (Lumbee)  
Specialist, NC Indian Economic Development Initiative  
Fayetteville, N.C.

Session II: “*Journey to College and Beyond*”

Dr. Dean Chavers (Lumbee)  
Director, Catching The Dream  
Albuquerque, N.M.

Kathy Dae Locklear (Lumbee)  
Indian Education, Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

Nicole Wheeler (Comanche/Hispanic descent)  
Gates Millennium Scholarship Program

Session III: “*Fluency with Technology*”

Dr. Barbara Lockee  
Professor, Instructional Technology  
Virginia Tech

12 - 1:30 p.m.      **Lunch**      UC Annex Assembly Room

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participants will join the main strand in the  
University Center Annex Assembly Room  
for afternoon events.)

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**Entrepreneurship Strand**  
**“Indian Women Minding Their Own Businesses”**  
(running concurrently with main and youth strands)

## **MORNING SESSION**

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome**      UC Room 213  
Tasha Oxendine (Lumbee)  
Marketing Director, Givens Performing Arts Center  
UNC Pembroke

8:45 - 9:15	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <i>"The M and Ms of Success in Business"</i> Bobbie Jacobs-Ghaffar (Lumbee) President and CEO, Native Angels Home Care and Hospice Agency, Inc. Pembroke, N.C.	UC Room 213
9:15 - 9:45	<b>Speaker</b> <i>"Road Maps' to Business Ownership"</i> Cammie Hunt-Oxendine (Lumbee) Assistant Dean, School of Business UNC Pembroke	UC Room 213
9:50 - 10	<b>Break</b>	UC Annex Lobby
10 - 10:30	<b>Speaker</b> <i>"The Glass Ceiling: Is it Real or is it the Choices You make?"</i> Dr. Carmen Calabrese Executive Director, The Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship and Associate Professor, School of Business UNC Pembroke	UC Room 213
10:30 - 11	<b>Speaker</b> <i>"Planting Seeds for Change"</i> Darlene Gabbard (Lumbee) Owner, Native Vines Winery Lexington, N.C.	UC Room 213
11 - 11:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>"How to get your Business on the Road to Success"</i> Dr. Carmen Calabrese, Darlene Gabbard, Bobbie Jacobs-Ghaffar and Cammie Hunt-Oxendine	UC Room 213
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<b>Talking Circle with Panelists</b>	UC Room 213
12 - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b> (Note: During lunch, entrepreneurship strand participants will join the main strand in the University Center Annex Assembly Room for afternoon events.)	UC Annex Assembly Room

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**LUNCHEON**

12 - 1:30 p.m.

Mistress of Ceremonies  
Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs (Lumbee)  
Assistant Professor and Chair, American Indian Studies  
UNC Pembroke

UC Annex Assembly Room

**Musical Selection**

Carmen Deese (Lumbee)  
Corporate Marketing Manager, Dougherty Equipment Company  
Charleston, S.C.

**Flutist**

Tony Clark (Lumbee)

**Blessing**

Kimberly Oxendine Owen (Lumbee)  
Graduate Student, Gordon Conwell Seminary  
Charlotte, N.C.

**Lunch**

**Greetings**

Jessica Jacobs (Lumbee)  
Miss North Carolina

**Greetings**

Brittany Simmons (Waccamaw-Siouan)  
Miss Indian North Carolina

**Introduction of Speaker**

Brandi Brooks (Lumbee)  
Program Coordinator, American Indian Center  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Speaker**

*“The Vanishing Indian returns to the Curriculum:  
American Indian Studies Programs in Higher Education”*  
Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell (Chippewa/Choctaw)  
Professor and Director, American Indian Center  
UNC Chapel Hill

**Musical Selection**

Carmen Deese

**CHILDREN’S HONOR CEREMONY**

1:30 - 3:30

Mistress of Ceremonies  
Sharon Berrun (Haliwa-Saponi)  
Director, Youth Services  
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

UC Annex Assembly Room

**Grand Entry and Flag Song**  
Dancers and Kaya Clark (Lumbee)

**Exhibition Dancing**

**Greetings**  
Brittany Simmons

**Story Time**  
Jessica Jacobs

**Introduction of Elders, Young Adults and Professionals**  
Sharon Berrun

**Blessing the Children**  
Dr. Helen Scheirbeck (Lumbee)  
Elder-in-Residence  
Retired Assistant Director of Programming,  
National Museum of the American Indian  
Washington, D.C.

**Round Dance**

**Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Helen Scheirbeck

**Flutist**  
Tony Clark

**Closing Song and Retiring of the Colors**  
Drum and Lumbee Honor Guard

3:30 - 3:45

**Evaluation, Door Prizes and  
Overview of Closing Ceremony**  
Rita Locklear (Lumbee)  
Director, Indian Education  
Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.)

UC Annex Assembly Room

**CLOSING CEREMONY: A GATHERING AT THE RIVER**

3:45

**Arrival**  
Drums: Mark Deese (Tuscarora) and  
David Locklear (Tuscarora)

Banks of Lumber River at  
Harper's Ferry Baptist Church  
Pembroke, N.C.

**Flutist**  
Tony Clark

**Welcome and Prayer**

Lisa Huggins Oxendine (Lumbee)  
Author and Adjunct Professor,  
UNC Pembroke

**The Gathering of Water**  
All Participants

**The Promise of the River**  
Dr. Helen Scheirbeck

4:15 p.m.

**Closing**  
Drums: Mark Deese and David Locklear

Banks of Lumber River