



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# National Conservation Training Center

## *Training Announcement*

### Native American Heritage Month

Join us for a special presentation as we learn about the Native American perspective on Native American Heritage month and what it means to our presenters.

#### *To Learn More about our presenters:*

**Devon Parfait** is the future chief of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi Chitimacha Choctaw; a tribe that is feeling the effects of climate multiplied land loss. Devon has centered his life around his community by diversifying his life experiences, learning as much as he can, and trying to become the best leader he can be. Devon has a pretty unique college experience, first going to a community college and then chasing after a dream education at Williams, which he eventually was able to get when truly dedicating himself to his goal. He uses the skills and knowledge gained to benefit his tribe as much as possible. Devon has used the opportunities given to him at Williams to start his own independent research that uses GIS to analyze how coastal land loss is disproportionately affecting the tribes in southern Louisiana.

**Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy** is an Associate Professor and Department Chair of Native American Studies at Humboldt State University. She received her Ph.D. in Native American Studies with a Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research from the University of California, Davis and her M.F.A. in Creative Writing & Literary Research from San Diego State University. She also has her B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University. Her first book *We Are Dancing For You: Native feminisms and the revitalization of women's coming-of-age ceremonies* addresses gender inequality and gender violence within Native communities. Dr. Risling Baldy is Hupa, Yurok and Karuk and an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe in Northern California. In 2007, she co-founded the Native Women's Collective, a nonprofit organization that supports the continued revitalization of Native American arts and culture.

**Marie Meade** is Yupik. Marie was raised traditionally on the tundra, travelling with the seasons, and eventually their family settled in the village of Nunapitchuk. She now lives in Anchorage, where most of her children and grandchildren live. She fishes and gathers traditional foods, teaches the Yupik language, and Yupik songs and dance. She is part of the International Council of Thirteen Grandmothers and has traveled around the globe with her elder Rita Pitka Blumenstein to pray and hold ceremony for healing of ancestors and Mother Earth.

#### Date

Thursday, November 5th, 2020

#### Time

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET

#### Who Should Attend

We welcome any Department of Interior staff and partners who are involved with tribes or who wish to learn more about working with tribes.

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