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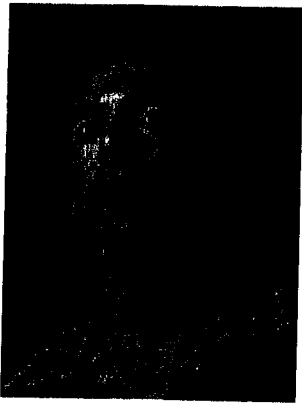


10<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous and American Studies  
Storytellers of the Americas Conference

April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

SUNY University at Buffalo

### Keynote Speaker: Gerald Taiaiake Alfred



Gerald Taiaiake Alfred is a Full Professor in Indigenous Governance and in the Department of Political Science at the University at Victoria. He specializes in studies of traditional governance, the restoration of land-based cultural practices, and decolonization strategies. He is a prominent Indigenous intellectual and advisor to many First Nation governments and organizations. He has been awarded a Canada Research Chair, a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the field of education, and the Native American Journalists Association award for best column writing.

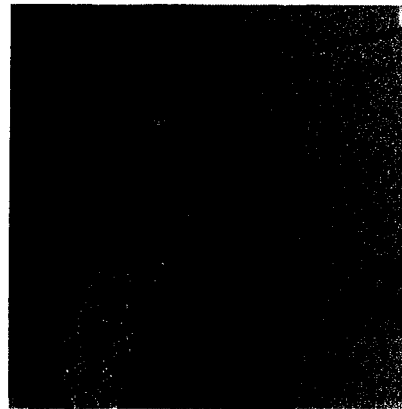
Educated at Concordia and Cornell, Taiaiake has lectured at universities and colleges in Canada, the United States, England, and Australia. His writing includes numerous scholarly articles, essays in newspapers, magazines and journals, stories, book-length research reports for First Nations and government clients, as well as three published scholarly books, *Wasáse* (Broadview, 2005), a runner-up for the McNally Robinson Aboriginal Book of the Year in 2005; *Peace, Power, Righteousness* (Oxford University Press, 1999/2009); and *Heeding the Voices of Our Ancestors* (Oxford University Press, 1995).

Taiaiake's current research involves studying the effects of environmental contamination on Indigenous cultural practices, with a special focus on the Mohawk community of Akwesasne. He works as a consultant with a number of Indigenous communities to assess cultural injury due to industrial and

nuclear contamination of the natural environment, and to design land-based cultural restoration plans. His previous research and consulting work centered on retraditionalization, structural reform, and leadership training for First Nations governments and organizations. He also spent many a number of years as a researcher, writer, negotiator and advisor for First Nations governments in land claims and self-government processes.

Taiaiake is a Bear Clan Mohawk . He was born in Montréal in 1964 and was raised in the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory. Aside from his service in the US Marine Corps as an infantryman during the 1980s, he lived in Kahnawake until 1996. He now lives on Snaka Mountain in Wsanec Nation Territory on the Saanich peninsula with his wife and three sons, who are all Laksilyu Clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation.

### John Mohawk Memorial Lecturer: Agnes Williams



Agnes Williams is Seneca Wolf Clan; 1991 Doctoral Candidate in American Studies SUNYAB.

Agnes currently works with Indigenous Women's Network, based out of Austin, TX, and Indigenous Women's Initiatives here in Buffalo, NY, both of which are grassroots organizations geared towards creating a community of multi-generational women from a variety of nations and a variety of backgrounds coming together to share traditional and professional knowledges and to serve the larger communities we move within. She has also worked with Native American Community Services here in Buffalo, NY.

Breakfast, Check in, Registration: 8:00-8:50, 107 TALBERT  
Opening Comments, Ohenton Karihwahtehkwen: 9:00-9:30,  
215 Natural Sciences Complex (NSC)

Session I: 9:45-10:45

**"A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words:**

**Image Making and the Legacy of Photography"**

TALBERT 103, Moderator: Jennifer Loft, University at Buffalo

The Photograph and the Sámi: (Re)-narrating, Memory and Identity  
in Historical and Contemporary Portraits of Sámi People,  
Ellen Marie Jensen

Cropped Out: Exploring Yosemite "Wilderness" Photographs  
through American Indian Philosophy, Natalie Fleming

Rereading the Portrait and the Archive's Social Memory, Kalli Paakspuu

**"John Mohawk and the Good Mind"**

TALBERT 112, Moderator: Beynan Ransom, University at Buffalo

Presenters: Ira T. Huff, Regina Jones

**"You Are What You Eat: Indigenizing Diets towards Health,  
Wellness, Healing and Sovereignty"**

TALBERT 111, Moderator: Laticia McNaughton, University at Buffalo

Indigenous Food Revolution: Re-Indigenizing Food, Sovereignty and Body,  
Laticia McNaughton

Reclaiming Cultural Identity through Decolonization of Eating Habits,  
Suleyman Demi

Reclaiming Food Sovereignty in Native Communities:

UB First Nations Student Association,

Marcus Alexander, Hope Banks, Rebecca Cook, Marcella Ossio

**"Historical [Mis]Interpretations: Biographical Bullhockey"**

TALBERT 106, Moderator: Joshua Ceretti, University at Buffalo

Native Biography from Missionary Sources: The Delaware in Moravian  
Mission Diaries at the Turn of the 18th to the 19th Centuries,

Dr. Menja Holtz

Monster or Martyr: A Re-examination of the Reign and Legacy of  
Metacomet, Jerome Palliser

**"Linguistic Perspectives on Haudenosaunee Languages"**

TALBERT 115, Moderator: Dr. Karin Michelson, University at Buffalo

Contact after Contact: Linguistic Contact on Turtle Island Post Contact,  
Martin Sneath

The Seneca Language Revitalization Project, Robbie Jimerson

Making the News: An Examination of the Newsworthiness Principle in  
Tuscarora, Rawetya'ks Montgomery Hill

Session II: 10:55-11:55

**"Truth in Stories: Written Words, Oral Narratives  
and Indigenous Philosophies"**

TALBERT 103, Moderator: Peter Clavin, University at Buffalo

Lessons from Africa's Indigenous People: Ananse Stories  
and the African Pedagogy on Environmental Stewardship, Isaac Darko

Ácimowina: Plains Cree Oral Narratives, Paulina R. Johnson

Gansworth's Fireball in Extra Indians, Dr. Nikki Dragone

**"Sotsisowah's Creations" TALBERT 111**

Presenters: Amber Adams, Paul White, Kevin Williams

**"Conversing With Settler Colonial Structures"**

TALBERT 106, Moderator: Beynan Ransom, University at Buffalo

Full Circle: Indigenous Empowerment  
through Community Driven Culture Based Healing  
Wayne K. Spear

'Our Messenger is Lost': Trying to Interrogate Colonial Narratives and  
the Colonial Storytelling Context through the use of Counter

Stories, **Anthony Gracey**

Accountability Reporting and the Persistence of Colonial Relationships  
in First Nation Communities in Canada, **Russell Evans**

★ **"Perspectives on Onkyonwentsyake (Our Lands)"**  
TALBERT 115, Moderator: Dr. Alyssa Mt.Pleasant, University at Buffalo

'We Wish To Leave Our Bones Upon Our Lands': Unsettling the  
Bicentennial of the War of 1812, **Joshua Cerretti**

Unpacking the T-word: Ongwehowhena and the meaning of  
"tradition", **Dr. Theresa McCarthy**

Weather, Gossip, Politics: Everyday Life in Letters, Six Nations Reserve,  
1925-1950, **Dr. Rick Monture**

Lunch: 12:00-12:50, 107 TALBERT  
Keynote Address: 1:00-1:50, 215 NSC

Session III: 2:40-3:40  
**"Onkwawenna: Our Words"**

★ TALBERT 111, Moderator: Dr. Tehanyatariyaks Brandon Martin  
Tsi na'teyotenyonhátye ne Kanyen'kehaka nikawennò:ten,  
**Owennatekha Maracle**

Writing and translating songs in Onkwehonwe'néha, Native Languages,  
**Karonhyawake Doreen**

**"Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign"**  
TALBERT 103, Moderator: Lisa Lawlor, University at Buffalo

Presenters: Emily Bishop, Hickory Edwards, Jack Manno

**"Transnational Indigeneity in the Modern Age"**  
TALBERT 115, Moderator: Morgan Morningstar, University at Buffalo

Out of Modernity into Deep Ancestry: A Love Story, **Lily Mendoza**

Deconstructing the Western Worldview: Toward the Repatriation of  
Wellness with American Indigenous Peoples, **Jackie Rahm**

Of Tartans, Triskells, and Totems: A Reconsideration of Celtic Identity,  
Past and Present through Comparison with Native American  
Identity, **Rachel Carpenter**

**"Our History, Our Future:  
The 2013 Tuscarora Migration Project"**  
TALBERT 106, Moderator: Theresa Warburton, University at Buffalo  
Coordinator: **Bryan Printup**

Session IV: 3:50-4:50

**"Speaking in Volumes – Indigenous Media"**  
TALBERT 103, Moderator: Anne Marie Butler, University at Buffalo

Can We Talk?, **John Kane**

Freedom of Expression: The Situation of Journalists in Colombia,  
**Sergio Nieto**

★ **"A Family Affair: A Three Part Perspective on Haudenosaunee  
Relationship to Food, Plants, Nutrition and Medicine"**  
TALBERT 115, Moderator: Laticia McNaughton, University at Buffalo  
Presenters: **Chandra Maracle, Rick Hill**

**"Settler-Allied Perspectives- Moving Forward"**  
TALBERT 106, Moderator: Annie Bruns, University at Buffalo

Settler Decolonization: Critical Insights from Indigenous and Allied  
Educator-Activists in Aotearoa/New Zealand, the United States of  
America and Canada, **Carolyn Stirling**

Conceptualizing Haudenosaunee Responsibility as Inheritance:  
Breaking the Confines of Western Inheritance Law,  
**Dr. Urszula Piasta-Mansfield**

Closing Remarks, Yoteheston Karihwahtekwen: 5:00,  
215 Natural Sciences Complex (NSC)

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