



“We are ... Land, Language, Ceremony, Relationship”.

*Don't forget to register for the upcoming
World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) AGM and the
World Indigenous Research and Education Conference (WIREC)
<https://www.winhec-wirec-2021.com/>*



Greetings from the WINHEC Co-Chairs Dr. Elmer J. Guy and Dr. Jolan Hsieh

We are very grateful to our host Dr. Sherri Chisan, President of the University of nuxethot'jine thaa?ehots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills, Treaty Six Territory, St. Paul Alberta, Canada for this year's World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) AGM and World Indigenous Research and Education Conference (WIREC).

With the global pandemic, we are in challenging times on many levels and many uncertainties. Sherri and her team are moving ahead in hosting a safe and exciting AGM event on their campus in St. Paul Alberta, Canada. Many sessions will be held virtually and made available to join if you are unable to travel. We will join, Dr. Sherri Chasan to celebrate their 50th anniversary of exercising sovereignty and providing outstanding indigenous education.



WINHEC Supports the Application of Full Professor to Dr. Paul Whitinui

In February 2020, The WINHEC Executive Committee learnt about the challenges Dr. Paul Whitinui was experiencing on his application for Full Professor at the University of Victoria. After some discussion by the WINHEC Executive Committee, it was decided to address a concern about the seeming lack of acknowledgement afforded to the cultural and western knowledge and integrity that Dr. Witinui and others bring to the University of Victoria, Canada.

On behalf of the WINHEC Executive Committee, as Co-Chairs, we submitted a letter supporting the application for Dr. Whitinui and acknowledged Paul's extraordinary leadership and immense contributions in addressing the historical anomalies of indigenous engagement in higher education, and, most importantly his teaching, publishing, and research he has been intrinsically involved in. Thank you Boni, Keiki, and others who helped prepare the supporting letter.

Then, on April 22, 2020, Dr. Paul Whitinui advised the WINHEC Executive that his application for Full Professor was APPROVED by the Committee Chair of Victoria University.

Congratulations Paul and Onowa Mclvor for achieving full professor status and thank you for your outstanding contributions to Indigenous education.



WINHEC and WINU Honours and Awards

We would like to thank all of members worldwide for the acknowledgement of Elders and Leaders within each of their different communities. It is important that we do this in honour of our Ancestors as it has been them that has forged a path for First Nations people across the world to where we are today. Thanks also to the Awards Secretariat chaired by Leanne Holt and Bubba Martin who have been bringing together the Honours and Awards for 2021.

We now have a space on our website (<https://winhec.org/honours>) where you can view those previous recipients of our honours and awards. If you have records of previous recipients, please contact Eddie Walker and he will happily add them to the list.



WINHEC Executive Committee

As Co-Chairs, we like to acknowledge and gratefully appreciate the work of our Executive Committee members for their leadership, dedication, courageous, hard work and support for carrying out the mission of WINHEC. Our Executive Committee members are:

Updated 25 May 2021 – see also <https://winhec.org/Executive/>

Member	Role	Indigenous Nations Affiliation	Institution
Elmer J. Guy	Co-Chair	Navajo (USA Mainland)	Navajo Technical University
Jolan Hsieh	Co-Chair	Siraya (Taiwan)	National Dong Hwa University
Leanne Holt	Deputy Co-Chair	Worimi Biripai (Australia)	Macquarie University
Bubba Martin	Deputy Co-Chair	Oneida (Canada)	Six Nations Polytechnic
Berice Anning	Secretary	Keinjan Bidjara Goomeroi (Australia)	University of Technology Sydney
Sean Topkok	Treasurer	Iñupiaq, Sámi, Kven, Irish, and Norwegian (Alaska)	University of Alaska Fairbanks
Rongo Wetere	World Indigenous Nations University (WINU) / Chair	Maniapoto, Tainui (Aotearoa, New Zealand)	World Indigenous Nations University

Member	Role	Indigenous Nations Affiliation	Institution
Peter Hanohano	World Indigenous Nations University (WINU) / Emeritus	(Hawaii)	World Indigenous Nations University Hawaii Pasifika
Keiki Kawaiaea	Board of Accreditation / Chair	(Hawaii)	University of Hawaii Hilo
Paul Whitinui Onawa Mclvor	World Indigenous Research Alliance (WIRA) & WINHEC Journal / Co-Chairs	Te Aupouri, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kuri (Aotearoa, New Zealand) and Maskikonehiyaw Swampy Cree (Canada)	University of Victoria, Canada
Vicki-Ann Speechley-Golden	Global Indigenous Elder Alliance / Chair	Wandandian Yuin (Australia)	Griffith University and Natshihec, Australia
Boni Robertson	Global Research Alliance / Chair	Kabi (Australia)	Macquarie University
Eddie Walker	Website / Chair	Ngāti Kahu, Te Rarawa (Aotearoa, New Zealand)	Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
Umi Jensen	Membership / Representative	(Hawaii)	Hualani Foundation



WINHEC Website

The Board of Accreditation is actively working with Eddie on updating the BoA's website while creating a new database to strengthen the operation. The fees for accreditation membership are on our website <https://winhec.org>.

Also join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/winhec/>.

Keep checking for any updates.

Eddie brings outstanding skills and has greatly improved our WINHEC homepage.

Thank you, Eddie Walker.



WINHEC WIRA and Journal

The World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) seeks expressions of interest for the following positions. Editor-in-Chief of the World Indigenous Higher Education Consortium International Journal of Indigenous Education Scholarship and the Chair of the World Indigenous Research Alliance (WIRA). Both roles report annually to the WINHEC Executive Board.

[View cover letter](#)

[View job description](#)

We are greatly indebted and sincerely appreciate the work of Dr. Paul Witnui, Onowa and their members for bringing WIRA and the Journal to its formation.

After six-years, Paul made his official announcement that he will be stepping down from his role.

In the interim, to maintain the ongoing growth of the Journal and WIRA, a formal proposal will be sent to the WINHEC Executive Committee for consideration and endorsement. Rongo, Paul, Onowa and other volunteers will work on a transition plan and next steps in the WIRA journey.



WINHEC Final Review of Constitution and Practice Handbook Amendments

The Working sub-group led by Dr. Leanne Holt, with support from Prof. Boni Robertson and Dr. Berice Anning have revised the WINHEC Constitution and Practice Handbook. The Executive Committee reviewed the handbook in February 2021 and will be presenting amendments in Constitution for consideration at the 2021 AGM.



WINHEC WINU

On January 21, 2021, Dr. Peter Hanohano's daughter, Malama, contacted us to let us know of Peter's health condition and that Peter is home receiving la'au lapa'au by his cousin and practitioner. We hope for the best for our taonga and treasure, Peter.

Continued prayers and well wishes for Peter.

On May 13, 2021, we were blessed to have Dr. Rongo H Wetere accept the Vice-Chancellor position for WINU. WINHEC – WINU welcomes Rongo and we look forward to his added leadership, gifts of knowledge and courage to the WINU team.



WINHEC Finance

The Finance Committee have been meeting regularly with the leadership of Dr. Sean A. Topkok, Treasurer. The Finance Committee is reaching out to people to support the work of WINHEC. Our Vision is to build partnerships that restores and retain Indigenous spirituality, cultures and languages, homelands, social systems, economic systems, and self-determination. Our aspiration is to provide Indigenous peoples opportunity to pursue common goals through higher education.

With support of our friends and neighbors like you, we have been able to accomplish so much over the past years.

Additional information about donating will be on our website <https://winhec.org>.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



WINHEC 2021 AGM Canada

Register for WINHEC 2021 AGM + World Indigenous Research Conference.

We encourage everyone to attend.

<https://www.winhec-wirec-2021.com/>

The local host Blue Quills in Treaty Six Territory (Alberta, Canada).

See flyer below.



UNIVERSITY
nuxethot'jne thaa'ehots'
nistameyimâkanak
BLUE QUILLS

University
nuxethot'jne thaa'ehots'j nistameyimâkanak
Blue Quills | UnBQ
Treaty Six Territory | Alberta, Canada

invites you to

WE ARE...

LAND | LANGUAGE | CEREMONY | RELATIONSHIP
July 5th - 9th 2021



On-site and virtual participation planned
Watch for the call for presenters and registration
Northern spring | Southern autumn 2021

For information email
WINHEC.WIREC.2021@bluequills.ca

Includes the WINHEC and WIREC events



WINHEC
World Indigenous Nations
Higher Education Consortium

World Indigenous Nations
Higher Education Consortium
AGM July 5th - 7th 2021



World Indigenous Research and
Education Conference
July 7th - 9th 2021