

## Call for Proposals

### 2026 Studying Indigenous Leadership Conference

Theme: *Echoes of the Ancestors: Reclaiming Leadership Through Indigenous Knowledge Systems*

Dates: April 11–13, 2026

Location: Apache Gold Casino & Resort, San Carlos, Arizona

Hosted by The Apache Institute, San Carlos Apache College

Proposal Submission Email: [leadership.conference@apachecollege.org](mailto:leadership.conference@apachecollege.org)

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The Apache Institute at San Carlos Apache College invites submissions for the inaugural *Studying Indigenous Leadership Conference*, to be held April 11–13, 2026, at the Apache Gold Casino and Resort in San Carlos, Arizona. This annual convening supports the College's ARROW mission by fostering critical dialogue, community engagement, and scholarly inquiry into the complex and diverse traditions of Indigenous leadership.

This year's theme, *Echoes of the Ancestors: Reclaiming Leadership Through Indigenous Knowledge Systems*, seeks to center Indigenous epistemologies, governance practices, and cultural foundations in the exploration of leadership theory and praxis. We encourage proposals that address leadership from within Indigenous frameworks, including—but not limited to—historical, cultural, political, educational, and community-based perspectives.

The conference is guided by an esteemed group of Indigenous scholars and leaders whose collective contributions to Indian Country have shaped the field of Indigenous leadership studies:

- **Dr. Cynthia Lindquist (Spirit Lake Dakota)**
- **Dr. John W. Tippeconnic III (Comanche)**
- **Dr. Linda Sue Warner (Comanche)**
- **Dr. Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox (Comanche)**

Their decades of service and scholarship provide a foundation for continued dialogue, critical analysis, and intellectual advancement in the study of Indigenous leadership.

We welcome proposals from scholars, practitioners, knowledge holders, and community leaders who seek to contribute to this ongoing discourse. Please share this call with colleagues and communities who may be interested.

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## Presentation Guidelines

- **Presentation Length:** 30 minutes (including Q&A)
- **Presenter Discounted Registration Fee:** \$400
- **Presentation Format:** Roundtable seating (5–6 participants per table); AV equipment provided. Presenters must bring digital presentations on a USB drive.

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## Important Dates

- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** March 20, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** On-Going
- **Confirmation & Required Materials Due (if accepted):** As outlined in the acceptance email (e.g., bio, headshot, draft presentation, media release). Failure to meet deadlines may result in forfeiture of presentation opportunity.

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## Proposal Submission Guidelines

Please submit the following as a single email to: [leadershipconference@apachecollege.org](mailto:leadershipconference@apachecollege.org)  
Subject Line: *2026 Conference Proposal – [Your Last Name]*

1. **Email Address:**
2. **Title of Proposed Presentation:**
3. **Abstract (300 words maximum):**
4. **Presenter Name:**
5. **Professional Title and Institutional Affiliation:**
6. **Tribal Affiliation (if applicable):**
7. **Co-Presenter Name(s) and Affiliation (if applicable):**

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For inquiries, please contact: [leadership.conference@apachecollege.org](mailto:leadership.conference@apachecollege.org)

We look forward to receiving your proposal and to your contributions to this important gathering on Indigenous leadership.