

Committee on Indigenous Philosophers

2015-2016 Membership

Anne S. Waters, interim chair (2017), newsletter editor

Agnes B. Curry (2016), newsletter editor

vacant (2016)

Zayin L. Cabot (2017)

Jacob M. Held (2017)

Scott L. Pratt (2018)

Andrew F. Smith (2018)

Shay Welch, newsletter editor

Indigenous Committee Activities of Past Year

This past year exhibits many changes and great new strides of progress for our committee. Shortly after I accepted a regular committee appointment, I also accepted an appointment as Interim Chair, filling in for Kyle Powys White, as he was called to other important academic duties. We thank Kyle for his dedicated passion, insight and vision while steering this committee into action motivated toward forward looking projects during his tenure. And speaking of tenure, Kyle this past year, received tenure as full time philosophy faculty at Michigan State University (East Lansing) and is now the first Native American Philosopher to receive tenure in a Philosophy Department granting a Doctoral Degree. Congratulations Kyle!!!

As new Interim Chair, and on behalf of this committee, I and we welcome new members of this committee who accepted appointments this past year. Brian Burkhart (California State University, Northridge) has returned as committee member, and has graciously accepted responsibility, alongside Jacob Held (continuing member, University of Central Arkansas)) to present programming at our 2017 Midwest Division Conference. (If you are interested in participating, contact Brian or Jacob). Andrew Smith (Drexel University), shortly after his appointment, hit the ground running, and has already put together, with Agnes Beatriz Curry (University of St. Joseph) our 2017 Eastern Division Program, and papers from this program will find a home in our Spring 2017 newsletter. Scott Pratt (University of Oregon) is also once again on our committee, and has promised to present us, with the help of Zayin Cabot (continuing member, California State University, East Bay) with a 2017 Pacific Division Conference program (contact Scott or Zayin if you have interest participating). Andrea Sullivan Clarke has been appointed to our newsletter editorial Board, and Shay Welch is our new Book Review Editor! And last, but certainly not least, Lori Underwood (Christopher Newport University) has joined the committee as our new Associate Chair (see below for Lori and my academic biography).

I would like to thank our newsletter committee members for all of the support they gave preparing the fall 2015 newsletter, the spring 2016 newsletter, and now our fall 2016 newsletter. Newsletter editors anticipate receiving papers on topics of programming sessions from the three divisional conferences this academic year. We encourage all APA members, and current non-members with interest, to contact our programmers, and/or newsletter editors, or anyone on our committee, if they would like to engage in doing indigenous philosophy, diversely and inclusively, at one of our APA Division conferences, and to contact any of our newsletter editors to contribute to the newsletter.

Having reinforced the Indigenous Newsletter editorial board, the committee is now working to set up a stabilized programming committee to create the three divisional yearly programs. We are planning on including indigenous philosophy graduate students on this committee to work alongside and be mentored by at least two more senior colleagues. We ask anyone so interested in mentoring these students to let Lori Underwood or myself know about this interest, and we welcome your service toward building this mentoring pipeline for indigenous philosophy.

The Committee thanks the APA for continued support and encouragement working together to make this committee and this new field within our profession, globally inclusive and diverse, while

supporting American Indians as hosts to all global indigenous philosophers! We hope to clarify our mission statement soon to embrace and reflect these philosophical relations.

Dr. Anne Schulherr Waters
Interim Chair
APA Indigenous Committee