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From Black Rock to Standing Rock — and Back Again

August 14, 2017 By [Christopher Breedlove](#)

As we all gear up to head back into Black Rock City, I notice how the cyclical nature of the event affects how I think about the world. Memories of last year's event come flooding back as if it were just a few weeks ago. And in some ways, within my mental map, that's true.

One of the striking moments in 2016 happened right after our toast to celebrate the opening of the Artery and Everywhere space. I was approached by two women from [Red Lighting Camp](#),

who carried with them a determination and spirit that I couldn't ignore. Simone Schultz and Bobbie "OneLove" told me about their intention to head to Standing Rock, and this catapulted me into [my own journey](#).

From that simple conversation, so many things transpired, and the actions by Red Lightning over the following months, in what became a very frigid South Dakota, took an amount of dedication and effort that I am both amazed and humbled by.

But once the movement at Standing Rock disbanded, Red Lightning was far from through with their involvement. They are bringing the lessons, prayers and many of the friends they made out there back home to Black Rock City.

Red Lightning is creating a space to bring the Standing Rock Spirit and global movement together. In a Tipi Circle under a medicine wheel with a sacred fire, a council will gather to engage in song, drum, dance, storytelling and celebration on the esplanade.

This sacred space will be created and held in collaboration with indigenous wisdom keepers and tribal members from across Turtle Island.

There's a variety of [events happening at Red Lightning](#) throughout the week, but the most radical gift will be their [Global Drum Prayer](#). On Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm, Red Lightning will gather in a drum circle, and the Mayan Warrior art car will amplify the tribal beats across the playa. It will be an attempt to create a global synchronized ritual with 66 other locations across the globe, which will be joining in simultaneously.

All are welcome to come and visit Red Lightning at 8:15 & Esplanade.

You can also join us at Burners Without Borders Camp (2:45 & Esplanade) on Wednesday, August 30 at 3:45–5:15pm, for our Standing Rock panel. We'll have a variety of Burner voices, including those from Red Lightning who made the trek out to Standing Rock, and who will tell us about the lessons, the learnings, and how it continues to affect us.

As our community continues this circadian rhythm into the desert and back out again, I continue to be impressed by our drive to bring the experiences, values and Principles out past the orange trash fence. Let's see what happens this year as we bring what we learned out in the world, back home again to the playa.

You can learn more about Red Lightning [here](#) and the Global Drum Prayer [here](#).

Top photo by Simone Schultz

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[9 Things America Needs to Understand About Native Values - I Support Native American](#)

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Dan Bacher, Intercontinental Cry

On August 17, a California Indian Tribe, two fishing groups, and two environmental organizations joined a growing number of organizations, cities and counties suing the Jerry Brown and Donald Trump administrations to block the construction of the Delta Tunnels.

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Yet Si blue "Janet McCloud" and Dick Gregory
American Indians & Black Americans United

Solidarity between Black Americans and American Indians grew with the Black Power movement of the 1970s, whose goals were closer to the nationalism espoused by American Indian Movement activists.

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In Indian Country, tribes had been

embroiled in fishing rights struggles against the State since the early 50's and fish-ins resulted in Indian tribal men and women and their supporters, being physically beaten and arrested by State and County police. Indian supporters included comedian Dick Gregory, actor Marlon Brando, and attorney Melvin Belli.

Despite tribal treaties, such as the Treaty of Medicine Creek of 1854, with the federal government that guaranteed fishing and hunting rights to American Indians in their traditional tribal lands and waters, the state began exerting more authority over tribal fisheries, attempting to conserve the catch for the commercial- and sport-fishing industries as salmon and steelhead numbers began dwindling in the 1960s.

Injunctions were issued allowing the state to regulate tribal fisheries, and the Washington State Supreme Court upheld them.

American Indians began mobilizing. The McClouds founded the activist group Survival of American Indians Association. And, in defiance of court orders, members began staging demonstrations dubbed "fish-ins."

American Indian elders and activists converged on Washington. Actor Marlon Brando and rights activist Dick Gregory came here, joined fish-ins and lent their celebrity status to the cause as

well as the Black Panthers which stood side-by-side with American Indians in protests at the state Capitol.

Historically, one of the most important civil rights issue for American Indians in Washington State has been fishing rights.

But the fish-ins are only part of the story. A unified and adept courtroom strategy provided by NAACP lawyers, the ACLU, and eventually the U.S. Department of Justice; the presence and assistance of members of numerous other organizations at the fish-ins and on associated protest marches; and, ultimately, the decisions of non-native judges and the influence of public opinion all proved crucial in upholding the rights of the tribes in Washington and bringing the issue of American Indian treaty rights to the forefront of the civil rights movement.

The Survival of the American Indian Society (SAIA) took shape in civil rights leadership with the critical assistance of other experienced organizations and individuals, including the NAACP and the National Indian Youth Council (NIYC). Indeed, certain elements of the SAIA protest campaign were consciously modeled on the actions of Black American civil rights protesters in the American South, while other aspects were creative modifications adapted to the unique situation.

The SAIA had few resources, but was able to retain Jack Tanner, an attorney and the regional director of the NAACP in Tacoma, for a sum of \$50 raised, fittingly, with a fish-bake.

The inclusion of a man who had experience in the larger civil rights movement proved extremely valuable. Summing up the importance of this connection to the NAACP in later years, Robert Satiacum said, "We can learn much from the Negro. There's got to be more communication."

Don Matheson agreed, saying "Let's face it, our fight is the same. This whole thing has given us a better understanding of the Negro's problems."

Throughout the course of the long campaign, Tanner defended many of the American Indians and others who were arrested at the fish-ins, applying the experience he derived from defending Black Americans in their own civil rights struggles.

The SAIA continued to work hard on outreach and publicity. Another celebrity supporter was found in Dick Gregory, a Black American comedian and activist.

"We used to root for the Indians against the cavalry, because we didn't think it was fair in the history books that when the cavalry won it was a great victory, and when the Indians won it was a massacre." ~Dick Gregory

His arrest at a fish-in brought national publicity to the cause once more, with articles appearing even in the New York Times.

The assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Senator Robert Kennedy and the great civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., further enraged many people, including American Indians, who felt that this nation had to reassess its priorities, and in doing so, live up

to the more than 400 treaties it used as a premise for stealing American Indian land.

Eventually, the American Indians' efforts along with strong support from various groups including Black Americans paid off. On Feb. 12, 1974, U.S. District Judge George Boldt ruled in favor of 14 treaty tribes, upholding the language of their treaties that entitled them to half the salmon and steelhead catch in Washington.

Photo Courtesy of Hank Adams. Dick Gregory's summer 1968 return to Washington State to arrange time for serving his concurrent 6-month jail sentences for fishing violation convictions on the Nisqually River in February 1966. His wife, Lillian Gregory, had spent 12 days in jail in Thurston County.

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Conservation and *water*-banking programs involving Mexico, *California*, Arizona and Nevada were another big reason the largest constructed reservoir in the

The scheme to pump desert *water* to LA could destroy the Mojave ... **Dianne Feinstein and Laura Friedman, Los Angeles Times**

Unlike some deserts, California's Mojave Desert is full of life. There are tortoises and bighorn sheep, breathtaking wildflower blooms and Joshua trees. Many of the state's plant and animal species can be found only there.

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These suits should serve as a clarion call for investors, regulators, activists, and investigators, for as much as we now know, there is still too much that we don't. We need to know more about the behavior of these companies, their relationships to shadowy front groups and AstroTurf organizations, and their influence on domestic and global politics.

Just last month, the [New York Attorney General revealed that ExxonMobil deleted nearly a decade of ex-CEO Rex Tillerson's secret "Wayne Tracker" emails](#), potentially destroying evidence of wrongdoing and malfeasance. The public should be outraged; investors should be wary; regulators should be concerned.

These corporations have created an existential threat to the global community, and so far have done so with impunity. San Mateo County, Marin County, and Imperial Beach are trying to change that.

Join Green Roofs for Healthy Cities at [CitiesAlive 2017](#) to Pay Tribute to a Pioneer in Biophilic Design - Stephen Kellert!

We at [Greenroofs.com](#) will be attending, and hope you join us along with hundreds of our colleagues at the *15th Annual Cascadia [CitiesAlive](#)* in Seattle, Washington on September 18-21, 2017.

[Green Roofs for Healthy Cities](#) (GRHC) is planning to pay tribute at the Opening Plenary to a pioneer in the field of biophilic design, Stephen Kellert. With an outstanding panel, they will explore his work and the frontiers of this revolutionary approach to designing buildings and communities.

A long time colleague and keynote at previous CitiesAlive conferences, GRHC's Steven Peck says the North American organization has been promoting Kellert's thinking about biophilic design in their Green Roof Professional Training courses.

Stephen Kellert wrote an important Forward to GRHC's 10th Anniversary Book, *The Rise of Living Architecture*, wherein he stated:

"One of the greatest challenges of our age is how to live in compatible and even harmonious relations to the natural world. Living architecture represents an important step in the direction of reconciling people and nature in the modern built environment and the industry association Green Roofs for Healthy Cities has been in the forefront of this effort."

In Seattle, an [Opening Plenary](#) panel of renown experts including Bill Browning of Terrapin Green; Bert Gregory, Principal, Mithun; Gail Vittori, Chair, Green Building Certification Institute; and Amanda Sturgeon, CEO of International Living Future Institute will reflect on his legacy and discuss future developments in the field.

Don't miss **Steven Peck's** brand new post about the [Tribute to Stephen Kellert](#) at the *CitiesAlive* Opening Plenary.

Early Bird Discount: [Register by September 7](#) and Save \$50!

And [CitiesAlive](#) is delighted to have another pioneer, **Bill Browning**, lead the first ever [design workshop](#) on maximizing biophilic benefits through green roof and wall design just prior to the Opening Plenary on September 18, 2017 at the [Sheraton Seattle Hotel](#).

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writing and 'rithmetic?**

San Carlos Apache College dedicated, opens Story by K. Morago Ak-Chin Runner

"This is the beginning of something great. This is a way to say no to alcohol and drugs by using our minds in a good way and not abusing them..."

This is a way to regain respect among ourselves. This is a way not to lose our identity as Apaches," San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler said to those gathered in front of the former tribal administration building, now home to San Carlos Apache College.

As the building and campus was dedicated on Friday morning, August 11th in downtown San Carlos, Ak-

Chin Chairman Robert Miguel was in attendance to witness the ribbon cutting with other tribal leaders, the SCAC governing board, guests from Tohono O'odham Community College, Arizona State University and from the local community.

The college opened Monday offering classes in accounting, biology, chemistry, English and math. There is also a class in Apache language and culture.

Workers were still painting, moving in furniture and equipment over the August 12th weekend to meet the Tribal leadership attending the historic opening include (from left to right)(pic wouldn't transer): Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia, Vice-Chairman Robert Yucupicio, White Mountain Apache Councilman Jerold Altaha, San Carlos Apache Chairman Terry Rambler, Ak-Chin Chairman Robert Miguel, Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairperson Jane Russell-Winiecki and Vice-Chairman Larry Jackson on the San Carlos Apache

College campus.

The vision to open a college on the reservation began with support from Arizona State University. Later, Tohono O'odham Community College was brought in to help San Carlos by using their accreditation to open as a TOCC site eventually working toward its own accreditation.

San Carlos Apache member Deidre Antonio sang the National Anthem in Apache, Pastor Fernando Pechuli, Sr. provided the Invocation. In addition to remarks from Chairman Rambler, SCAC president Martin Ahumada spoke to the crowd gathered. Special recognition was given to the TOCC board and Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman Edward Manuel, who helped cut the ribbon. After the ceremony, lunch was served at Burdette Hall.

"It was a wonderful and great opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of San Carlos (Apache) College," Chairman Miguel said. "With the doors opening to Tohono O'odham

Community College a few years ago and now San Carlos, it is a historic moment for Indian Country overall as we all continue to take the necessary steps in giving our people the afforded opportunity to excel in higher education,” he said.

“Congratulations to Chairman Rambler and the San Carlos community on this historic achievement!” Chairman concluded. SCAC has a social media site at www.facebook.com/SanCarlosApacheCollege. The official school website is www.sancarlosapachecollege.com.

Public Comments Invited on SIPI’s Accreditation

Albuquerque, N.M. – The Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation **visit by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that will take place on November 13-14, 2017.**

The public is invited to submit comments on the quality of SIPI or its academic programs prior to the team’s visit and by the deadline date of October 13, 2017.

SIPI (<http://www.sipi.bia.edu>) is a National Indian Community College and Land Grant Institution of higher learning with a national, tribally appointed board of regents. It is operated by the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Education for students from the nation’s federally recognized tribes.

SIPI was granted initial accreditation by the Commission on February 27, 2014. The HLC is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States which provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis to institutions of higher learning.

Accreditation is the primary means for assuring accountability by a higher learning institution: it certifies

institutional quality and protects the institution’s academic freedom. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole.

Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission is recognized by the U.S Department of Education.

SIPI has been engaged in a process of self-study while addressing the Commission’s requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will review SIPI’s ability to meet the HLC’s Criteria for Accreditation and then make its recommendation to the Commission. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

Comments must be in writing and address substantive matters related to the quality of SIPI or its academic programs. They can be submitted via the HLC’s website at

www.hlcommission.org/comment or mailed to: Public Comment on Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute . The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 **All written, signed comments must be received by October 13, 2017.**

Officials promise to protect Lake Tahoe with \$415 million

Associated Press

Federal officials are promising to protect Lake Tahoe for future generations, a pledge that one says doesn't rule out also maintaining a robust regional economy.

Leaders push for continued preservation of Lake Tahoe

Ben Botkin, Las Vegas Capital Bureau

Keeping Lake Tahoe pristine is unfinished business



New partnership established to protect Lake Tahoe and Central Sierra

Chris Mertens, California Tahoe Conservancy

Today at the 21st annual Lake Tahoe Summit, the creation of a new partnership of state, federal, environmental, industry, and research representatives working together to protect Lake Tahoe and the surrounding central Sierra Nevada was announced. The effort, the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative, is focused on restoring the health and resilience of the area's forests and watersheds. It builds on the legacy of work that has been done to "Keep Tahoe Blue," and a variety of activities already underway in the Central Sierra landscape. These include innovative approaches designed to reduce the risks and impacts from large, damaging wildfires and unprecedented tree die-off.

John Oliver Explains America's Terrifying Nuclear Waste Problem

Stefanie Spear, EcoWatch

Spear writes: "According to the Nuclear Energy Institute, there is more than 71,000 tons of nuclear waste stranded at 104 reactors. 'It was a problem we should have solved in the 1980s,' Oliver said, 'much like a Rubik's Cube.'" [READ MORE](#)

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