Ge-izhi-mawanji’idiyang dazhindamang gidakiiminaan

(“the way in which we meet to talk about our earth”)

In this seminar, Great Lakes Indigenous knowledge holders share cultural, ecological, and governance knowledge critical to the resilience of our shared environment, and engage in timely dialogue on matters of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI). The goals are to increase our understanding of the diverse perspectives and practices in our region, and to continue to build and strengthen a sustainable partnership between our schools and communities into the future.

~ Invited Speakers ~

JAN 27 - **Violet M. Friisvall Ayres**  Associate Judge, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, American Indian Law & Policy in the U.S.

FEB 3 - **Doreen Blaker**  Treasurer, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, Tribal Government

FEB 10 - **Karena Schmidt**  Ecologist, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, Wetlands & Plant-Human Reciprocity

FEB 17 - **Jennifer Vanator**  Policy Analyst/Great Lakes Program Coordinator, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Traditional Ecological Knowledge & Shared Governance

FEB 24 - **Dr. Jonathan Gilbert**  Director, Biological Services Division, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples

MAR 3 - **Erin Johnston**  Wildlife Biologist, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Natural Resources Department, Tribal Natural Resources Stewardship

MAR 17 - **Cortney Collia**  Educator and cultural teacher, & **Roger LaBine**  Cultural teacher, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians The Gift of Manoomin (wild rice)

MAR 24 - **Rodney Loonsfoot**  Tribal Council, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Anishinaabe Identity & Goals

MAR 31 - **Michael Waasegiizhig Price**  Traditional Ecological Knowledge Specialist, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Anishinaabe Language, Knowledge, & Place

APR 7 - **Kathleen Smith**  Habitat Specialist, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Natural Resources Department, Nibi (water) - Culture, Tradition, & Protection

APR 14 - **Dr. Martin Reinhardt**  Professor, Northern Michigan University, Center for Native American Studies, American Indian Treaties & Food Sovereignty

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