

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE  
Wooshteen Kanax̄tulaneegí Haa At Wuskóowu



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A CONFERENCE OF TLINGIT TRIBES AND CLANS

Haa eetí k̄aa yis (For those who come after us)

October 28 - November 1  
JACC • Juneau Centennial Hall

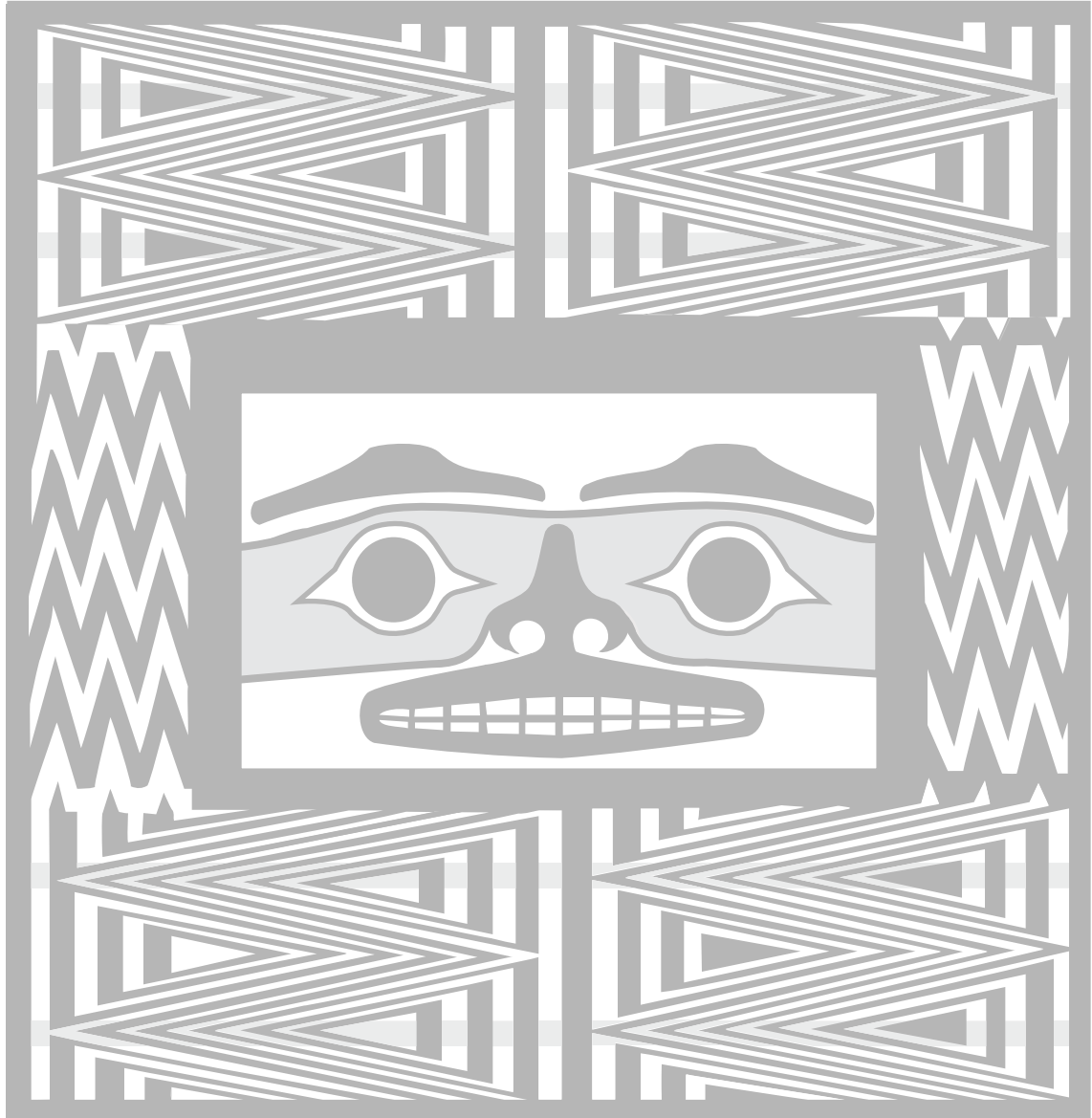
Haa Saax'ú, Haa Latseení  
(Our Names, Our Strength)

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On behalf of the Sharing Our Knowledge Organizing Committee, I am very happy to welcome all attendees!

We continue the series of conferences that began in 1993 in Haines/Klukwan, organized by my late brother, Andrew "Andy" John Hope III, who developed the concept and was the key organizer of the conferences through 2008, when he passed away. It is an honor to continue the tradition that Andy began.

For years we've used the shorthand reference of "Clan Conference," which we continue as a convenience, but a few years before he died, Andy inspired a change in title for all Clan Conferences: "Wooshteen Kanaxtulaneegí Haa At Wuskóowu" (Sharing Our Knowledge) Haa eetí káa yis (for those who come after us). This originated in the oft repeated statement of our elders of their intent to pass on the culture to their grandchildren, to "those who come after us."

This year's theme, Haa Saax'ú, Haa Latseení (Our Names, Our Strength), recognizes the importance of language restoration and its most outward projection: the Tlingit names bestowed on us and the place names that guided our ancestors. Usually descriptive and rich with meaning, Tlingit place names were replaced on the marine charts and topographical maps by the names of long dead German princesses or "Important White Guys" with little or no relevance to our region or ourselves. With each person who receives the name of an ancestor and with each indigenous place name that becomes a geographical reference, we breathe life into our indigenous languages.

One of Andy's close friends and also a key organizer of the first and later conferences was Richard Dauenhauer, who passed away in August of 2014. During this conference we present workshops about Richard's legacy projects and on Friday evening we pay tribute to him at a banquet in his honor. Walter Porter, also a friend and colleague of Andy's, passed away in early November 2013. He was of Andy's generation, served on our organizing committee, and was one who we leaned on to carry forward our cultural traditions.

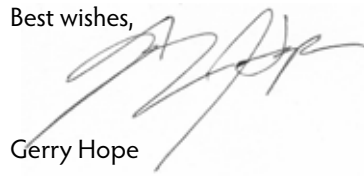
On the cover page you'll find a list of the organizing committee. During this event, please take a moment to thank them and all of the volunteers whose contributions will make this, I am certain, another outstanding Sharing Our Knowledge Conference.

I wish to thank our treasured elders for attending this event, the Tlingit Readers Inc. for their support – this year and in previous years — and grants from the National Science Foundation, Goldbelt Heritage Foundation, Northern Light Church and in-kind support we have received from the Smithsonian Institution, the University of Alaska Southeast, Alaska State Museums, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and the Douglas Indian Association.

And here is a big thank you to all for attending, presenting, participating in, and making the Clan Conference a success!

On behalf of the 2015 Clan Conference Organizing Committee

Best wishes,



Gerry Hope

Executive Director



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

ALL DAY	Miller Room Beth Weigel: Every Voice Matters: Recording Alaska Native Educational Stories Hammond Room Cyril George photos: viewing and identification Main Lobby Weavers Exhibit
8:30 – 10:15 am	Session 1 (Plenary) Sheffield #3 Invocation: Selina Everson <b>Welcoming Remarks:</b> Gerry Hope, Executive Director, Sharing Our Knowledge Clan Conference Byron Mallott, Alaska Lt. Governor Richard Peterson, President Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Clarence Laiti, President Douglas Indian Association Greg Fisk, Mayor of Juneau Joe Nelson, UAS Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Rosita Worl, President of Sealaska Heritage Institute  <b>Keynote Presentation:</b> Norma Shorty: <b>Finding Our Names</b>
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – Noon	Session 2 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Aldona Jonaitis: A new look at Tlingit interior screens Preston Singletary: Modern Heritage art or Neo-indigenous art Shirley Kendall: The anatomy of making an octopus bag  B. Hickel Room Lance Twitchell: Creating a Tlingit Language Immersion School Swapna Mukhopadhyay: Revitalizing Cultural Knowledge as Universal rights of Indigenous Peoples Alice Taff: New findings — Connections between ancestral indigenous Language use and Health
Noon – 1:30 pm	Luncheon (ticket required): Honoring Walter Porter

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 1:30 – 3:00 pm      Session 3 (Concurrent)
- A. Egan Room**  
Anastasia Tarmann: Empty Village and Bustling Boom Town —Parallel Narratives of Áak'w and T'aaku Kwáans and Settler Tenure  
Dan Henry: Routes to Riches: Tlingit Responses to Early Public Access of the Chilkat and Chilkoot Trails
- B. Hickel Room**  
Linda Belarde & Daphne Wright: Tlingit spelling bee and other games  
Susie Edwardson: Elders - Finding Your Language and Culture online
- C. Sheffield 2**  
Kathy Ruddy, moderator  
Bernard DeAsis, Jill Meserve, Lillian Woodbury: Seventy-Five Years of Photos: The Cyril George Collection
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm      Break
- 3:15 – 5:15 pm      Session 4 (Concurrent)
- A. Egan Room**  
Maria Shaa Tláa Williams: Tlingit Clan Exercise
- B. Hickel Room**  
Susie Edwardson: Time to Make a Cultural or language Video  
Renée Linton: Alaska Native Mentoring Focus Group  
Shirley Kendall: Lingít yóo xhatángi akshaxítxh (Writing Tlingit)  
Participants, bring your own writing materials and learn from Shirley Kendall's decades of experience teaching the Tlingit writing system.
- C. Sheffield 2**  
Kelsey Lutz: The E.W. Merrill Glass Plate Negative Collection: Preserving and Sharing a Photographic Legacy  
Sergei Kan: Images of the Tlingit people/culture from the Sitka NPS new Merrill Collection  
Rebecca Poulson: The Cottages, Sitka
- 5:30                      Dinner (on your own)
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm      Governor's Mansion  
First Lady Donna Walker: Readings of Indigenous Literature (by invitation)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

ALL DAY	Miller Room Beth Weigel: Every Voice Matters: Recording Alaska Native Educational Stories Hammond Room Cyril George photos: viewing and identification Main Lobby Weavers Exhibit & Native Arts Market
8:30 – 9:45 am	Session 5 (Plenary) Sheffield 3 Tom Thornton, introduced by Harold Martin: Place Names and Social-Ecological Systems — Resilience and Restoration
9:45 - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – noon	Session 6 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Jim Powell/Linda Kruger: Conversations about Environmental Change in Southeast Alaska — Film and discussion Linda Kruger & Adelaide Johnson: Vulnerability of Customary and Traditional Intertidal Gathering Patterns in Southeast Alaska  B. Sheffield 2 Steve Henrikson: New Southeast Alaska Native Exhibits for the State Library, Archives and Museums  C. Sheffield 3 Harold Martin, moderator Wayne Jensen: The mission of the Alaska Historical Commission Gary Holton: The Alaska Native Place Names Project Wayne Howell: Three Names of Glacier Bay: 300 Years of Tlingit Geography in a Dynamic Landscape John Cloud: The Cartographies of Friendship
Noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own)
ALL AFTERNOON	WALTER SOBOLEFF BUILDING
1:00 - 4:30	Walter Soboleff Building exhibit area open free of charge
Beginning 1:00	Lee Kadinger: Tour of the Soboleff Building
Beginning 2:00	Chuck Smythe: Soboleff Building Exhibit Tour

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

	<b>CENTENNIAL HALL</b>
1:30 – 3 pm	Session 7 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Norma Shorty: The boarding school curriculum - Elders' panel B. Sheffield 2 This session in Honor of Peter Corey, SJS Museum Curator Steve Henrikson, Moderator Emily Moore: Aboriginal Claims & the New Deal Totem Parks Steve Brown: The Head Canoe: Conundrum Solved? Eric Hollinger/ Robert Starbard: Update on the Hoonah-Smithsonian 3D Replication Project C. Sheffield 3 George Bennett: Tlingit Potlatch (khu.éex') Panel Discussion
3 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15– 5:15 pm	Session 8 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Richard L. Dauenhauer- Legacies Moderator: Ishmael Hope Elizabeth Kunibe, Tanis Seiltin, Nora Dauenhauer & Kathy Ruddy: Maria's Tlingit Potato: Journey to the Dauenhauer Garden Will Geiger: De-colonial ethics in the work of Richard Dauenhauer Barbara Cadiente-Nelson: Discussant B. Hickel Room Harold Jacobs: Du éen yoo xwalee.át (I'm going to visit him.) C. Sheffield 2 In honor of Bill Holm Moderator: Steve Brown Barbara Brotherton: New Technologies for Access to Museum Collections Katie Bunn-Marcuse: Here & Now—Native Artists Inspired, at the Burke Museum Deana Dartt: The Portland Art Museum collection of Axel Rasmussen, acquired in 1948. Steve Henrikson: Wood Bending Traditions on the Northern Coast
6:00	Sheffield 1 Dinner honoring Richard L. Dauenhauer (ticket required) Michael Krauss, keynote speaker. Poetry reading

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

ALL DAY	Miller Room Beth Weigel: Every Voice Matters: Recording Alaska Native Educational Stories Hammond Room Cyril George photos: viewing and identification Main Lobby Weavers Exhibit & Native Arts Market
8:30 – 9:45 am	Session 9 (Plenary) Sheffield 3 Authors' Panel Peter Metcalfe, moderator Sergei Kan, Ishmael Hope, Thomas Thornton with Harold Martin
9:45 - 10:15	Main Lobby Book signing by authors
10:00 - Noon	Session 10 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Bert Adams: Connecting to our heritage: tribal house sites on the Akwe River Zachary Jones: The Cycle of Chilkat Weavers — Sharing Information about Historic Chilkat Weavers  B. Hickel Room Allyson Olds: Local and traditional knowledge of Chilkat and Chilkoot River hooligan runs: ecological interactions Fred Sharpe: Biologists Seek Traditional Ecological Knowledge About Humpback Whales Steve Langdon and Kenneth Grant: T'akdeintaan Territoriality in Offshore Waters — Sea Otters, Tsimshians and US Response  C. Sheffield 2 Father Michael Oleksa: "DD" Dusha Druga — the Spirit of our Friend, Dick Dauenhauer Sergei Kan: Russian Orthodox and Alaska Native spirituality in Richard Dauenhauer's life and scholarship
Noon - 1:30	Lunch, on your own
1:30 - 3:00	Session 11 (Concurrent) A. Egan Room Personal Names Bessie Cooley: Inland Tlingit Geneology Leonora Florendo: How do we get our clan names? Carlton Smith & his figure Shanak'uwa (Chilkat Charlie): Video—Connecting With Your Clan



## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

[Session 11 continued]

B. Hickel Room

Daniel Monteith & panel: Haa Atxaayi kha Haa Aaní: Subsistence Roundtable

C. Sheffield 2

Richard Carstenson: Place Name Activism

3 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15-4:45

Session 12 (Concurrent)

A. Egan Room

Lily Hope & Clarissa Rizal: Tracing Roots (film about Delores Churchill, weaver)

Suzie Williams: Weavers' Wisdom

B. Hickel Room

Alice Taff, moderator

Elders Responses to Sharing Our Knowledge Conference. Where do the languages go from here?

C. Sheffield 2

Carol Geddes: Anash and the Legacy of the Sun-Rock (film)

5:45- 7:00 pm

Dinner on your own

7:00 pm -

Centennial Hall

Traditional dance night: Bring your regalia!

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

11:00 am

Sheffield 1

Gerry Hope (host)

Wrap-up Brunch (ticket required)