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NSC ANNOUNCES EXCITING LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM WITH RENOWN SPEAKERS Conference on Navajo Leadership, Decolonization, Community, and Former Leaders

The Navajo Studies Conference, Inc. Board of Directors (NSCI), in collaboration with the Navajo Nation Museum (NNM), is pleased to announce a one-day symposium on Navajo Leadership, Friday, September 3, 2010. NSCI will facilitate and coordinate the symposium at the Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, Arizona, from 8 am to 8 pm. The theme of the symposium is "The Meaning of Navajo Leadership: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow".

"This event reflects the mission of Navajo Studies Conference, Inc. which is to embrace and uphold Diné culture and language; to promote and facilitate ethical and responsible research; to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to inspire critical reflection on Diné life," said Lloyd Lee, NSCI President. "Moreover, this event has the potential to establish a very distinct dialogue on the direction of Diné life and what kind of Navajo Nation the Diné people want in the coming decades."

NSCI and NNM are organizing this informative event to coincide with the premiere of the museum's display of "The Navajo Leader Manuelito". The symposium will feature interesting speakers including Larry Emerson, Marie Salt, Waziyatawin, Rena Martin, Leonard Perry, Wahleah Johns, and WyndSOR Yazzie.

Symposium Events:

The symposium is tentatively scheduled to feature panels, speakers, community discussion, reception, and entertainment.

- 8:30 am Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Prayer (Lloyd Lee, NCSI President)
- 8:45 am Opening Panel on Intention of Symposium & Defining Leadership
- 9:30 am Decolonization Panel (Larry Emerson, Marie Salt, Waziyatawin)
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm "Taking the Lead" Panel (Wahleah Johns, WyndSOR Yazzie, Rena Martin, Leonard Perry)
- 3:00 pm Former Navajo Leadership Panel (Former Chairmen and Leaders)
- 5:00 pm Community Discussion (Facilitator: Larry Emerson)
- 6:00 pm Reception & Entertainment

In the morning, NSCI will facilitate a panel discussion on Navajo Leadership and Decolonization, followed by another panel highlighting how community leaders are “Taking the Lead”. A community discussion on leadership is also planned for the afternoon. Lastly, the Navajo Nation Museum will facilitate a fascinating panel of former Navajo leaders discussing Navajo leadership and current challenges.

Vendors will also showcase their arts & crafts, as well as other items for sale such as books, CDs, and DVDs. There is a limit of up to 8 vendors on a “first come, first serve” basis. To raise funds, NSCI will also coordinate a silent auction of arts & crafts, books, journals.

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If you'd like more information on the symposium, or to schedule an interview with Dr. Lloyd Lee, please call (505) 277-1822 or e-mail Dr. Lee at triplel@unm.edu. More information is also available at www.navajostudies.org or email request to navajostudies@gmail.com.