

Getting Ready in Indian Country:
Emergency Preparedness for Native American Cultural Resources

Biographies of National Review Panel Members

Clarenda Begay is the Curator of the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Arizona.

S. Terry Childs is the Staff Curator and Manager of the Museum Program at the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. Her program provides oversight, technical assistance, and training to Interior bureaus and offices on the management of over 155 million objects and archives. Between 1993-2009, Dr. Childs was an Archeologist in the National Archeology Program office of the National Park Service. Among other responsibilities, she provided technical assistance on Federal curation efforts for archeological objects, records, and reports, which included developing “Managing Archeological Collections,” a Web-based training course. She has two notable publications pertaining to the curation and care of archaeological collections: a book co-authored in 2003 with Lynne Sullivan entitled *Curating Archeological Collections: From the Field to the Repository* and *Our Collective Responsibility: The Ethics and Practice of Archaeological Collections Stewardship* that she edited in 2004.

Susan Feller has been the Development Officer for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries since 2002. She is also the current Project Director for the national Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Initiative with a term ending in 2012. Of Choctaw descent, Susan served as the director of the 2007 National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, as well as the 2008 Institutes for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums. As an advocate for tribal cultural sovereignty, Susan assists Oklahoma tribes in establishing or expanding archival holdings, and she directs the “Threats to Your Collection” project which provides funding and training to archival repositories. Susan has also written training manuals and produced events on public relations, fund raising, event management, oral history, digitization, preservation, community history, genealogical research, and other topics. Susan is a grant reviewer for several federal funding agencies and directed tribal programs for the 2010 American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting.

David L. George-Shongo Jr. is the first archivist of the Seneca Nation and chairperson of the Seneca Nation Library Board of Trustees. He graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1998 with a BA in Anthropology and then served as an adjunct professor at Jamestown Community College teaching Physical Anthropology. Until taking his position at the Seneca Archives, he worked for the Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Historical Preservation Office. In 2005 he was chosen as the first chairperson of the Society of American Archivists’ Native American Archives Roundtable and was unanimously reelected in 2006.

Steven M. Golubic is the National Tribal Liaison at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Headquarters in Washington, DC. In that position, he works with tribes, states, and local officials, and serves as an advisor to the FEMA Administrator on all activities that relate to tribal officials, tribal organizations, and tribal associations. As a liaison, he provides technical assistance to FEMA regional and field staff to ensure that tribes and their communities expeditiously receive federal disaster assistance to help them rebuild their lives and

communities. Before joining FEMA, Mr. Golubic spent more than two years as the Homeland Security Director at Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council in Lac du Flambeau, WI. His career also includes nearly 20 years as a county emergency management director, safety consultant with Wausau Insurance, Director of the Wisconsin Council of Safety, and Executive Director of Wisconsin Operation Lifesaver. Mr. Golubic is a past president and board member of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA).

Valerie Hauser is the Director of the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in Washington, DC. Valerie joined the ACHP staff in 1989 as a Historic Preservation Specialist reviewing federal agency projects and programs. She also served as the ACHP Army Affairs Coordinator. As ONAA Director, Valerie advises ACHP leadership on policy matters and historic preservation issues affecting Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and provides technical expertise to federal agencies regarding tribal and Native Hawaiian consultation. She also chairs the Interagency Working Group on Indian Affairs. Before joining the ACHP, Valerie served as Director of Archeology at an environmental education center in New York City. She received her Master of Arts in Anthropology from New York University.

Ann Hitchcock is Senior Advisor for Scientific Collections and Environmental Safeguards, National Park Service. She has been a curator with the National Park Service for 30 years, serving as Chief Curator from 1980-2007. She frequently coordinates cultural resources emergency response efforts for the Department of the Interior.

John V. Ketchum serves as the Federal Preservation Officer (FPO) for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security. Appointed as FPO in 2001, Mr. Ketchum directs FEMA's compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and related laws. His responsibilities include oversight of FEMA's historic preservation cadre, development and implementation of training for FEMA and state emergency management personnel, and coordination with Federal, state, and local partners to ensure that historic and cultural resources receive appropriate assistance during delivery of FEMA programs. Mr. Ketchum directed FEMA's historic preservation compliance responsibilities in Louisiana in 2005-06, following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Charles Kmet is the Administrator of the Office of Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety for the Tohono O'odham Nation. The office is responsible for developing and administering a comprehensive emergency management plan as well as coordinating with the Nation's eleven districts and the communities to ensure their preparedness and continuity of government operations. Prior to this assignment, Chuck was the Assistant Fire Chief for the Tohono O'odham Nation and began working for the tribe in January 2003. He has served on various local, state and federal committees, working groups, and task forces to promote the needs of tribal communities and is currently a member of FEMA's National Advisory Council as the Tribal Government Official. Chuck began his career in public service as a volunteer firefighter/EMT and a critical care paramedic. He worked for the Office of EMS for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and later for the Clayton County Fire Department in Atlanta, GA, where he became a flight paramedic for Baptist LifeFlight.

D. Bambi Kraus is the president of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO). Since graduating from Stanford University, she has resided in Washington, DC, and has been committed to working with and advocating for Native rights. She has worked as a senior advisor for President Clinton's Initiative on Race, the National Indian Policy Center, the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (U.S. Department of Education), and the National Anthropological Archives (Smithsonian Institution). Among other achievements, she completed a children's book in 1998 with and about her mother, Frances Nannauck Kraus. Ms. Kraus is a Tlingit Indian, whose family is from Kake, Alaska.

Alyce Sadongei (Kiowa/Tohono O'Odham) is the Assistant Curator for Native American Relations at the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona. She develops and maintains contact with tribes in Arizona regarding museum programs and exhibits. Previously she worked at the National Museum of the American Indian and the Office of Museum Programs, both at the Smithsonian Institution. Sadongei was recently recognized for her leadership in assisting tribal communities throughout all discipline areas of archives, libraries, and museums by the National Conference of Tribal Libraries, Archives and Museums. She has extensive experience in developing training programs in museum practice and cultural programming for tribal communities.

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