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# The 9th Annual International Language of Spirit Conference

*A Dialogue Exploring the Nature of Reality from Indigenous and Western Science Perspectives*

## *"Quantum Entanglement and Beauty"*

We invite you to listen and participate as Western and Native scholars, elders and educators from across the continent articulate a new vision that will challenge your ideas about Science, Native America, Linguistics, Consciousness, Worldviews and Spirituality.

"The Language of Spirit Conference is one of the most important conversations going on in the Western world today— a new vision of science, spirit and the nature of reality. It will affect how you think and how you live." —Jim Ryan, PhD



By Dyanne Strongbow

*"A convergence of cutting edge science and ancient knowledge."  
—The Albuquerque Journal*

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**Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa, Albuquerque, NM**

**Saturday, August 11 - Tuesday, August 14, 2007**

# Introduction

## History:

In 1992, Leroy Little Bear, former Director of Native Studies at Harvard, approached David Bohm, famed colleague of Einstein, with an idea to bring together quantum physicists, Native American elders, and linguists to engage in deep dialogue about the underlying principles of the cosmos, not from an adversarial point of view, but out of mutual respect. The Fetzer Institute sponsored the first four dialogues; later dialogues were sponsored by MIT before SEED began sponsoring these historical gatherings in 1999. This year, for the ninth year, participants will gather in Albuquerque to continue this groundbreaking tradition.

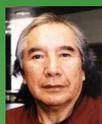
The SEED dialogues have established a reputation for unparalleled depth of sharing among Western and indigenous peoples. The dialogues have been the subject of a documentary film and two entire issues of *ReVision Journal*. We have been blessed over the years to have many ceremonial leaders, elders and Indigenous

scholars actively engage in dialogue with many of the brightest, most respected (and respectful) minds of the West. Every year has been extraordinary, and every year has its own special quality.

## This Year's Theme:

The most advanced scientific view has found that in the sub-atomic realm, there are no longer any things: there is only a dynamic flux of process and relationship. This was an astonishing discovery, but it was not new. Indigenous people for millennia have seen the cosmos as a place of kinship – a place of harmony and beauty. Come join us as we explore the beginnings of a new language – a language that is now emerging through dialogues with Native elders, quantum physicists and other Western scientists. Come join us as we explore the connections between the Quantum realm of Energy and the Indigenous Spirit realm. Come join us as we explore Quantum Entanglement and Beauty.

# Conference Participants



**Leroy Little Bear, JD:** (Blackfoot) Former Director of Native Studies, Harvard University. Aboriginal Person of the Year, Canada, 2003.



**Brian Josephson, PhD:** Nobel Laureate, Physics, Director, Mind-Matter Unification Project, Cavendish Lab, Cambridge, UK



**Linda Hogan, MA:** (Chickasaw) Poet and author, including *Dwellings: A Spiritual History of the Living World*.



**Leon Secatero:** (Canoncito Band of Navajo) Headman, Spiritual Elder, *Council of Spiritual Elders of Mother Earth*.



**Nancy Maryboy, PhD:** (Navajo/ Cherokee) Educator, Cosmologist. President, Indigenous Education Institute.



**Tobasonakwut Kinew:** (Ojibwe) Elder and ceremonial leader [see full bio, Pre-Conf. Workshop]



**VerlieAnn Malina-Wright, EdD:** (Native Hawaiian) President, National Indian Education Association.



**Alfonso Montuori, PhD:** Professor and Program Director, Departments of Transformative Learning and Transformative Leadership, California Institute of Integral Studies.



**Amethyst First Rider, MFA:** (Blackfoot) Creator of Trickster Theatre, Canada.



**James O'Dea:** President, Institute of Noetic Sciences, former Executive Director, Amnesty International and Seva Foundation



**Ashok Gangadean, PhD:** Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, Founder and Director of the Global Dialogue Institute.



**Simon J. Ortiz:** (Acoma) Poet, fiction writer, essayist and storyteller. National Endowment for the Arts award winner.



**Nora Bateson:** Educator, Writer/Director of Gregory Bateson biopic "That Reminds Me of a Story"



**Melissa K. Nelson, PhD:** (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) Exec.Dir. The Cultural Conservancy, Asst Prof. Amer. Indian Studies SFSU.



**Phillip H. Duran, MS:** (Tigua) Physicist, former dean of Science & Mathematics, Northwest Indian College.



**Angelita Borbon:** (Pasqua Yaqui) Practitioner of Sacred Science; fluent in Meso-american oral tradition.



**Sam Kounosu, PhD:** Physicist, retired professor, University of Lethbridge, Canada.



**MJ Zimmerman, PhD:** Specialist, Cosmology and Consciousness and Ecological Postmodernism



**Roberto Gonzalez-Plaza, PhD:** (Native Chilean), Professor of Environmental Science, Northwest Indian College



**Lee Nichol:** Writer, Educator, Editor of David Bohm's *On Dialogue*, *On Creativity* and *The Essential David Bohm*.



**Lloyd Pinkham, PhD:** (Yakima/Saphaptin) Educator, specialist in traditional knowledge.



**Matthew Bronson, PhD:** Linguist, Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at California Institute of Integral Studies.



**Pat McCabe:** (Navajo) Artist and writer, Pat's paintings are created as tools for individual, earth and global healing.



**Glenn Aparicio Parry:** President, SEED Graduate Institute

## Registration

<b>Early Bird Registration</b> (by May 18, 2007)	<b>\$295</b>
<b>Registration</b> (by June 15, 2007)	<b>\$345</b>
<b>Registration</b> (by July 12, 2007)	<b>\$395</b>
<b>Late Registration</b> (after July 12, 2007)	<b>\$425</b>
<b>Pre-Conference Workshop</b>	<b>\$99</b>
<b>One-Day Passes</b>	<b>\$150</b>



**Discounts:** There are a limited number of seats available at a discount for Volunteers, Students and Native Americans. Please see website for details.

**20 CEU units available for Counselors and Social Workers.** Conference open to the general public.

*Cancellation Policy: A refund of the conference tuition less a \$100 processing fee is available if SEED is notified in writing of your cancellation at least 30 thirty days prior to the start of the conference. A full in-house credit toward a future conference or SEED event is available provided SEED is notified of cancellation within 14 days of the conference start date. No refunds will be given within 30 days of the conference.*

## Travel and Accommodations

### Conference Facilities:

The Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa is a brand new facility conveniently located overlooking downtown Albuquerque, three miles from the Albuquerque Airport and minutes from the Nob Hill entertainment district. Guests can enjoy a full cooked-to-order breakfast in the inviting atmosphere of the naturally lit nine-story atrium, and a complimentary reception happy hour in the same relaxing atrium.



*Take advantage of our group discounts!*

**Hotel:** A limited room block is available at special rate of \$112 at Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa. Book online at [www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com) (enter SGI in the Convention Code slot) or call 1-800-EMBASSY or 505-245-7100

**Plane:** American Airlines 5% Discount. Book online [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com) or call 800-433-1790. Discount Code 0786AM.

**Car Rental:** Avis group discount. Call 800-331-1600. Discount Code U260911. (Shuttle service is also available from Sunport Shuttle, 505-883-4966. Book in advance.)

To register, call 505-792-2900 or visit [www.seedgraduateinstitute.org](http://www.seedgraduateinstitute.org)

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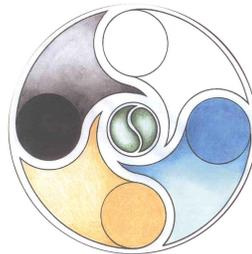
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# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, August 11, 2007 (All events Aug 11 at SEED - 1700 Atrisco Dr NW)

9 – 10 am / 4 – 6 pm	Registration at SEED Graduate Institute
10:00 am — 4:00 pm	Special Pre-Conference Workshop at SEED Graduate Institute with <b>Tobasonakwut Kinew</b> <i>A Native American Experience</i>
12 noon — 1:00 pm	Lunch at SEED Graduate Institute
6:00 — 7:00 pm	Opening Reception— at SEED Graduate Institute (1700 Atrisco Dr NW Albq)
7: 00 — 8:00 pm	Film, <i>Language of Spirituality: The Documentary</i> by Anthony Dellaflora (at SEED)
8:00 — 9:00 pm 9:00 — 11:00 pm	Special Preview Screening: <i>The Sodiz'in Ceremony</i> : (SEED Graduate Institute) Sweat Lodge Ceremony

## Sunday, August 12, 2007 (All Events from Sun-Tuesday at Embassy Suites Hotel)

8:00 — 9:00 am	Registration at Embassy Suites Hotel
9:00 — 9:30 am	Welcome/Opening Ceremony
9:30 — 11:00 am	Keynote Address: <b>Angelita Borbon</b> : <i>Conciencia Dialogue</i>
11:15 am — 12:45 pm	Keynote Address: <b>Brian Josephson</b> : <i>Entanglement and Music</i>
12:45 — 2:00 pm	Lunch at Embassy Suites
2:00 — 3:30 pm	Keynote Address: <b>Roger Nelson</b> : <i>Intuitions and Indications of Global Consciousness</i>
3:30 — 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 — 5:30 pm	Keynote Address: <b>Simon Ortiz</b> : <i>Indigenous Literary Arts: Land, Culture, Community Assertions</i>
5:30 — 7:00 pm	Dinner Break
7:00 — 10:00 pm	Inner Circle Dialogue — <b>Leroy Little Bear</b> , Moderator



Taos Pueblo

## Monday, August 13, 2007

9:30 am	Dialogue continues
12 noon — 2:00 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 pm	Dialogue continues
5:00 — 7:00 pm	Dinner Break
7:00 — 9:30 pm	Dialogue Continues

## Tuesday, August 14, 2007

9:00 am — 2:00 pm	Dialogue Conclusion
3:00 pm	Closing Ceremony

“Bohm defined dialogue as a free flow of meaning among people in communication. A key difference between dialogue and ordinary conversation is that in the latter, people usually hold relatively fixed positions and argue in favor of their views as they try to convince others to change. In dialogue, however, a person may prefer a certain position, but he or she is ready to listen to others with sufficient sympathy and interest to understand the meaning of others position properly, and is also ready to change his or her point of view if there is a good reason to do so.” —**Leroy Little Bear**

# Pre-Conference Workshop

## Cosmology of the Ojibwe

A one day workshop with Ojibwe Elder Tobasonakwut Kinew

Saturday, August 11, 2007

10 am — 4 pm

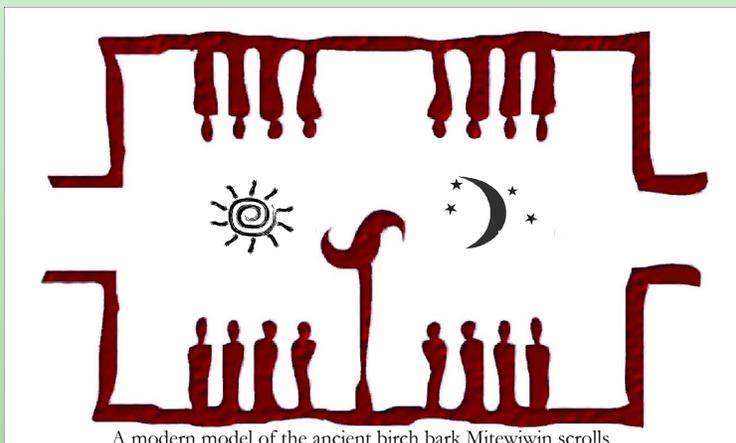
\$99 Conference Participants

\$125 General Public

We invite you to experience a hands-on workshop with elder and pipe carrier Tobasonakwut Kinew, as he shares some of the ways of the Ojibwe throughout the course of one day.

The old ways, practiced for 20-30,000 years as a communal form of worship, are now being permitted to be shared by Ojibwe elders intent on bringing about understanding between Ojibwe and non-Ojibwe peoples, in order to stem the flow of recent suicides. In the course of the day, we will directly participate in something of what it means to live within a Native worldview. We will explore the connection between the dynamic flux of nature and the language, cosmology, culture and ceremonial practices of Anishinaabeg peoples.

Tobasonakwut will share an introduction to what is sacred amongst Anishinaabeg peoples, and some of the principles of the language and medicines within the Grand Medicine Society of the Mitewiwin.



A modern model of the ancient birch bark Mitewiwin scrolls

We invite everyone to come and participate in this special workshop.

It will bring us together as a group in a beautiful and powerful way, and enrich your experience of the entire conference to come.

**Tobasonakwut Kinew**, is a recognizer Elder and healer, by Anishinaabeg and people of other nations. Fluent in his Anishinaabemowin language, Tobasonakwut is a pipe carrier, a member of the Mitewiwin of several degrees, and a sundancer in the Anishinaabe, Cree and Lakota traditions for many years. Raised to be a leader by his elders from a very early age, Tobasonakwut rose to be a Chief and councilor of the Ojibways of Onigaming, a founding member of both the National Indian Brotherhood and the Assembly of First Nations, Grand Chief of Treaty #3 for several years (1973-76;1991-95), and the Regional Chiefs of all Chiefs of Ontario First Nations in the mid 1980s. During this time, Tobasonakwut spearheaded the establishment of the United Friendship Centre in Fort Frances, the Anishinaabe Man-O-Min Co-op in Treaty #3, the Grand Council Treaty #3 Treaty research program, and eventually, the governance initiative.

He has instructed at many universities, including UM where he taught Native Health & Medicine and Traditional Healing, and University of Winnipeg, where he co-chaired the Native Philosophy Seminar in June 2000. He has been a Scholar in Residence at the University of Minnesota, and he continues to teach the Anishinaabemowin language, philosophy, psychology and culture for several years now.



Tobasonakwut Kinew

Tobasonakwut has been involved in many dialogues to bridge the gap between western and traditional First Nations indigenous sciences, including the historic 1992 dialogue with the late David Bohm. He is a founding member of the Native Academy of Sciences. In addition, Tobasonakwut has worked as a counselor and facilitator at Stoney Mountain Institute and in the Walks Tall program for ex-prisoners in Minnesota, and at one time or another, has practiced many traditional means of livelihood, including being a hunter, fisherman, wild rice harvester, pulp wood cutter and trapper.

**Who should attend the Language of Spirit Conference and Workshop?** The conference and workshop are for anyone who is interested in leading-edge science, cosmology, consciousness, indigenous wisdom, the relationship between language, culture and worldview and how our cultural paradigms affect the ways in which we think and act. Members of the general public, scholars, educators, inquiring minds, spiritual seekers, cultural creatives and anyone else who finds him or herself drawn to these themes are encouraged to attend!