



Alaska Senior Liaison

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About

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Tribal Liaison Services

Malinda serves as the Senior Liaison for the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC), based at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. In her role, Malinda supports Alaska tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Serving as the lead for the Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network with a collaborative team supporting AK Tribes with climate adaptation planning, technical assistance and action.
- Working with Alaska tribal communities, Arctic Climate Scientists and partner agencies and organizations to address climate impacts that center Indigenous Knowledge, meaningful relations, self-determination and sovereignty to address systemic change.
- Supporting dynamic learning, the application of climate science, multi-generational involvement, the use of evaluation, and wellness while internalizing rapid and profound change.



Alaska Senior Liaison

Lori Petrauski

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About

- Non-Indigenous
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Tribal Liaison Services

- Lori is a Senior Liaison for the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC), employed by the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS). In her role, Lori supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:
 - Fostering a community of learning, sharing, technical assistance, training, and support for Alaska Tribes, Leadership, and Indigenous communities as they respond and adapt to the current and future impacts of climate change.
 - Working to build collaborative and meaningful relationships with Alaska Native Tribes and other entities in order to address management and adaptation needs across the state.





Alaska Assistant Liaison

Kaitlyn Demoski

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About

- Koyukon Athabascan & Lower Tanana Dene
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- Based in Palmer, AK

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Tribal Liaison Services

Kaitlyn is an Assistant Liaison for the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC), employed by the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS). In her role, Kaitlyn supports Tribes through:

- Youth Programming; Kaitlyn is the project lead on the Alaska Summer Youth Practicum where Alaska Native students get hands on experience in natural resource management.
- Promoting peer to peer knowledge exchange by connecting Tribal staff with potential Tribal and non-Tribal partners, resources, and funding to support the work they are doing.
- Supporting Tribal staff capacity building and professional development by coordinating travel scholarships for Alaska Tribes to attend technical trainings that support their work.



Alaska Assistant Liaison

Jerilyn Kelly

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About

- Member of the Native Village of Kwinhagak
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Tribal Liaison Services

Jerilyn is an Assistant Tribal Climate Liaison for the Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center employed by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society. In her role, she is a liaison between Alaskan Native Tribes and the USGS/UAF Researchers and Scientists. She supports Tribes by:

- Bringing an Alaska Native perspective to the AK CASC and NAFWS teams.
- Understanding the climate impacts on rural Alaskans.
- Supporting Tribes and the decisions that they make as local leaders for their communities.
- Is a fluent/bilingual Yupik speak - Yupik first language and uses analogies to communicate with both Alaska Native Elders and Western educated scholars.





Northwest Senior Liaison

Patrick Austin Freeland

(he/him)

Tribal Liaison Services

Patrick is the Senior Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison for the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (NW CASC), based at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Climate Change Program. In his role, Patrick supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Enhancing climate adaptation science services for ATNI member tribes
- Engaging with ATNI Tribal communities and partners, identifying specific climate adaptation science needs, and ensuring research and engagement is conducted in a holistic manner, respecting Indigenous Knowledge Systems/Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Support ATNI member Tribes participation in regional, national, and international climate policy, adaptation, and mitigation efforts and access to climate resilience resources to build Tribal capacity



About

- Citizen of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma
- From Sand Springs, OK
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Northwest Assistant Liaison

Kylie Avery

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Tribal Liaison Services

Kylie is the Assistant Liaison for the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (NW CASC), based at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Climate Change Program. In her role, Kylie supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Serving as an informational hub between Tribes, Federal agencies, researchers, and other Tribal and non-Tribal partners to share relevant resources, tools, and climate science from the NW CASC and other partners
- Assisting in providing events, workshops, and trainings to facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building
- Identifying funding opportunities and providing feedback on grant applications



About

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Southwest Senior Liaison

Cynthia Naha

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About

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Tribal Liaison Services

Cynthia is the Senior Liaison for the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (SW CASC), based at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). In her roles, Cynthia supports Tribal climate resilience by:

- Building relationships and identifying new networks with Tribal Professionals, from both Tribal Nations and Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs).
- Facilitate connections between Southwest CASC Researchers, Tribes, and TCUs.
- Conduct outreach to Tribal Nations, Tribal Communities, and TCUs within the SW CASC Region and inform them of climate change science and adaptation resources.



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Southwest Assistant Liaison

Anissa McKenna

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Tribal Liaison Services

Anissa is the Assistant Liaison for the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (SW CASC), based at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). In her role, Anissa supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Helping Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCUs) to address climate adaptation and climate resilience needs with resources available through the SW CASC
- Facilitating connections and partnerships between Tribes, Tribal organizations, TCUs, government agencies, researchers, and academic institutions
- Organizing meetings & workshops, assisting with grant writing, identifying funding, and supporting youth engagement



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Northcentral Senior Liaison

Kynser Wahwahsuck

(she/her)

Tribal Liaison Services

Kynser is the senior liaison for the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance and the North Central Climate Adaptation Center. She supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Developing climate vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, proposals and grant applications, and implementation projects
- Connecting Tribal resource managers to data, information, and tools
- Facilitate connections and partnerships between Tribes, TCU's, researchers, and Tribal Organizations
- Support coordination of Tribal workshops and meetings
- Support capacity building by facilitating trainings
- Facilitate knowledge sharing between Tribes and partners



About

- Member of Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
- From Kansas
- Based in Lawrence, KS

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Northcentral Assistant Liaison

Janna Black

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Tribal Liaison Services

Janna is the assistant liaison working for the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance and the North Central Climate Adaptation Center. She supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Supporting climate vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, proposals and grant applications, and implementation projects
- Connecting Tribal resource managers to data, information, tools, and expertise
- Facilitating Nation-to-Nation relationships
- Building connections for a strong foundation of trust
- Supporting Tribal workshops and meetings
- Helping organize Tribal community education and youth engagement



About

- Athabaskan descendant
- From Washington state
- Based in Laramie, WY

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Midwest Deputy Liaison

Ally Scott

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About

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Tribal Liaison Services

Ally is the Deputy Liaison for the Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (MW CASC), based at the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) Sustainable Development Institute. In her role, Ally supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Connecting Tribes and Tribal organizations to information, tools, and resources that support climate resilience work
- Identifying funding opportunities and offering feedback on grant applications
- Facilitating communication and partnerships between Tribes and Tribal organizations and NGOs, government agencies, and academic institutions
- Providing workshops and trainings that enhance knowledge and capacity to pursue climate resilience work among Tribal staff



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Midwest Liaison

Sara Smith

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About

- Citizen of Oneida Nation
- From Wisconsin
- Based in Keshena, WI

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Tribal Liaison Services

Sara is the Midwest Liaison for the Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (MW CASC), based at the College of Menominee Nation (CMN) Sustainable Development Institute (SDI). In her role, Sara supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Facilitating stronger relationships between Tribal Nations, State and Federal organizations, academic institutions, and the MW CASC.
- Working with Tribal Nations to build capacity and identify gaps for funding and Indigenous-led/co-led research
- Providing technical support, information, and tools for resilience planning through workshops, trainings, site visits, and other engagement opportunities



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Northeast Assistant Liaison

Steph Courtney

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About

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- From Ho Chunk land (S. Wisconsin)
- Based on Dakota land (Minneapolis)

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Tribal Liaison Services

Steph is the Assistant Tribal Climate Science Liaison with United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET). She is a liaison for the Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) regions and works with several USET-member Tribal Nations. They work to support Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Sharing opportunities for funding, partnerships, and capacity-building with Tribal Nation partners
- Supporting connections and relationships between and across Tribal Nation governments, USET departments, and the CASCs
- Providing technical support and training for Tribal Nation vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, funding applications, community engagement, and other priorities as they arise



Southeast Assistant Liaison

Steph Courtney

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Tribal Liaison Services

Steph is the Assistant Tribal Climate Science Liaison with United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET). She is a liaison for the Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) regions and works with several USET-member Tribal Nations overlapping with the South Central CASC region. They work to support Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Sharing opportunities for funding, partnerships, and capacity-building with Tribal Nation partners
- Supporting connections and relationships between and across Tribal Nation governments, USET departments, and the CASCs
- Providing technical support and training for Tribal Nation vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, funding applications, community engagement, and other priorities as they arise





Southcentral Senior Liaison

Amelia Cook

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About

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- From Oklahoma
- Based in Norman, OK

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Tribal Liaison Services

Amelia serves as the Sustainability Science Manager for the Chickasaw Nation and Tribal Liaison at the South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center. In this capacity, Amelia supports Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- engaging Native youth through STEM education and mentoring to promote Native scientists and perspectives in climate STEM fields and develop future Native STEM professionals.
- delivering climate adaptation services to Tribes in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas.
- cultivating relationships with Tribal and climate science communities to foster respectful, reciprocal knowledge exchange and provide technical assistance for tribal needs in the South Central region.
- coordinating with other South Central liaisons to build a robust Tribal Engagement Program that delivers climate adaptation services for Tribes.



Southcentral Liaison

Yvette Wiley

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About

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- From Tulsa, OK
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Tribal Liaison Services

Yvette is a Research Associate and Tribal Liaison at the South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center. She is an enrolled Muscogee Creek Nation citizen, and her clan is Ecovlke (Deer Clan). Yvette works to support Tribal climate resilience efforts by:

- Delivering services primarily to Tribes in western Oklahoma
- Maintaining relationships with Tribal environmental staff across Oklahoma
- Coordinating with the other South Central Liaisons to build a robust Tribal Engagement Program that delivers climate adaptation services for Tribes

