

# WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS CLIMATE SERIES

Topic :  
Cultural Resources and  
Sacred Sites in Climate  
Change Planning  
and Response







SPEAKER  
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SPEAKER  
**Shasta Gaughen, PhD**  
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The White House Council on Native American Affairs Climate Adaptation Subcommittee and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation invite you to join Tribal Historic Preservation professionals working on the front lines of historic preservation and climate readiness for a discussion about the crucial importance of addressing cultural resources and sacred sites in climate change planning and response. Speakers will share lessons learned through their experiences in climate change adaptation planning, how their expertise in historic preservation influences that work, and how federal representatives can help remove barriers to more holistic climate adaptation planning.

-  February 8, 2023
-  03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EDT
-  Zoom
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## Speaker Biographies



### Michael Durglo Jr.

Michael Durglo Jr. serves as the Tribal Historic Preservation Department Head and has been a leader in climate change work for over a decade. He facilitated the development of a Flathead Reservation Climate Change Strategic Plan for the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). He shares his experience and knowledge of climate change planning at workshops and seminars throughout

the US and Canada. After completing the plan, he continued to build on the work by diving deep into the perspectives of the elders and integrating traditional knowledge into the plan. He also created the Environment Advocates for Global and Local Ecological Sustainability (EAGLES) program to engage CSKT youth in ongoing climate education and action. He is known for his inclusive and open approach to climate planning. He has established monthly meetings of a Climate Change Advisory Committee and welcomes all stakeholders, both Tribal and non-Tribal. This has opened conversations across multiple jurisdictions, connecting people and adding value to solving the problems that will be faced by the impacts of climate change into the future. In 2016, Michael Durglo Jr. received the White House Champion of Change award; in 2017, he received the Climate Leadership Award for Natural Resources. He served in the Montana Army National Guard from 1981 to 1987 and is currently a member of the Mission Valley Honor Guard.



### Shasta Gaugen, PhD

Shasta Gaugen is the Environmental Director and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pala Band of Mission Indians in Payómkawichum (Luiseño) territory in what is now called San Diego County, California. She has worked for Pala since January 2005, and established Pala's Tribal Historic Preservation Program Office in 2008. Dr. Gaugen received her PhD in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 2011 and a Master of Legal

Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 2021. She taught for the Department of Anthropology at California State University, San Marcos, from 2006-2019. She is Chair of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Vice President of the Board for the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition, chair of the Tribal Working Group for the Climate Science Alliance, and a member of the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals' Climate Change Advisory Committee. Dr. Gaugen oversees the Tribal Climate Health Project, a grant-funded education and outreach project that includes a website, resource clearinghouse, webinars, videos, and in-person presentations on climate change and health adaptation in Tribal communities.