

NATIVE NATIONS CENTER 2023–2024 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

For the past 12+ months, the Native Nations Center has worked diligently to renew its focus on research and tribal engagement. We are excited to provide this first-ever year-in-review to highlight our team's extraordinary efforts.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

In the Fall 2023, the NNC articulated a renewed vision and mission. Under its new vision, the NNC seeks to serve Tribal Nations through its research and capacity building efforts. As a part of this process, the NNC overhauled its website and created a new brand to grow its online presence.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

» Tribal Clean Energy Summit and Symposium

In support of Oklahoma State Senator Mary Boren (D-16), the NNC team brought together tribal participants and OU experts for a Tribal Clean Energy Summit and Symposium—a first on the OU campus. In addition to hosting tribal leaders, the NNC offered the Event Center to record Yancey Red Corn's (Osage) discussion about the film *Killers of the Flower Moon* and his father's book, *A Pipe for February*.

» Ethical Tribal Engagement Series

The NNC's signature programming—the Ethical Tribal Engagement Series—continues to grow in both offerings and participants. With programming offered each semester, the ETE series includes two seminars about tribal engagement and at least one panel of experts who discuss ethical research practices with Tribal Nations.

The ETE series is a joint effort between the Native Nations Center, the Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations, and the Center for Faculty Excellence.

THIS YEAR'S ETE SERIES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Offerings

This year, the ETE series added a new offering: Tribal Relations 101, which is provided by the Associate Vice President of Tribal Relations.

Outreach Effort

In another first, the ETE series hosted a panel of Indigenous researchers on the OU-Tulsa campus, which included Dr. Monte Randall, President of the College of Muscogee Nation, a Tribal College.

Increased Attendance

From June 2023 – May 2024, the ETE series served 369 participants, accumulating to a **324% increase** from the previous academic school year. Since Spring 2022, the ETE series has served 449 total participants.

See statistical breakdown of the ETE series on the opposite page

"The best part was the collaborative theme about increasing knowledge and understanding developed over the course of the series. It allowed myself as an attendee to feel comfortable about my initial inexperience."

Increased Footprint

With both virtual and in person options, the NNC served attendees across a diverse and broad spectrum. In 2023–2024, participants from across all three OU campuses attended the Series. Because the offerings are free and open to the public, the ETE series also reached the public sector, private sector, government entities, and over 25 universities across the country.

See notable guest listing on opposite page.

RENEWED VISION & MISSION

» Vision Statement

The Native Nations Center strives to be recognized as the premier institute that conducts objective, tribally centered research in the areas of tribal governance and sovereignty while providing capacity building initiatives through ethical, collaborative partnerships.

» Mission Statement

The mission of the Native Nations Center is to serve Tribal Nations. By bridging Western and Indigenous knowledge structures, we produce exploratory, applied, and policy research for tribes in their advancement of governance and sovereignty. The Native Nations Center continually provides transformative capacity-building efforts, incorporating tribal values to deliver dynamic solutions. With an endeavor to uphold exceptional standards, we strengthen reciprocity between Tribal Nations and the University of Oklahoma while delivering essential services that were previously unavailable.

The Native Nations Center seeks to provide expertise in tribal economic development, tribal energy, environment/natural resources, tribal healthcare, and innovative technology.

NEW BRAND. FRESH WEBSITE.

Visit ou.edu/nativenationscenter to see our new look!

Grant Funding Recipient

In building upon the ETE series, the NNC is a recipient of funding from a Department of Energy Methane Emissions Grant to create an Ethical Tribal Engagement and Cultural Awareness Assessment. We collaborated with the Institute for Resilient Environmental & Energy Systems and the Center for Faculty Excellence to offer grant partners this optional assessment that seeks to elevate their engagement with Tribal Nations and their citizens. The NNC is working on a long-term credentialing program for this offering.

NNC Featured Statistics



FEATURED STATISTICS

ETE SERIES OVERVIEW

The 2023–2024 Ethical Tribal Engagement series hosted 369 participants, marking a **324% surge** from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024 (with an extra panel).

Fall 2023 ETE Series Event Attendance

OU Norman Panel (Workshop #1) <i>"Indigenous Research & Researching with Tribal Nations"</i>	39 ATTENDEES
Tribal Nations 101 Seminar	25 ATTENDEES
Tribal Relations 101 Seminar	23 ATTENDEES
Traveling Workshop & Panel	NOT OFFERED

Spring 2024 ETE Series Event Attendance

OU Norman Panel (Workshop #2) <i>"Meeting Tribal Needs Through Collaboration"</i>	81 ATTENDEES
Tribal Sovereignty 101 Seminar	62 ATTENDEES
Tribal Relations 101 Seminar	54 ATTENDEES
OU Tulsa Panel (Workshop #3) <i>"Indigenous Research & Researching with Tribal Nations"</i>	85 ATTENDEES

TOTAL ETE ATTENDEES
FALL 2023

87 ATTENDEES



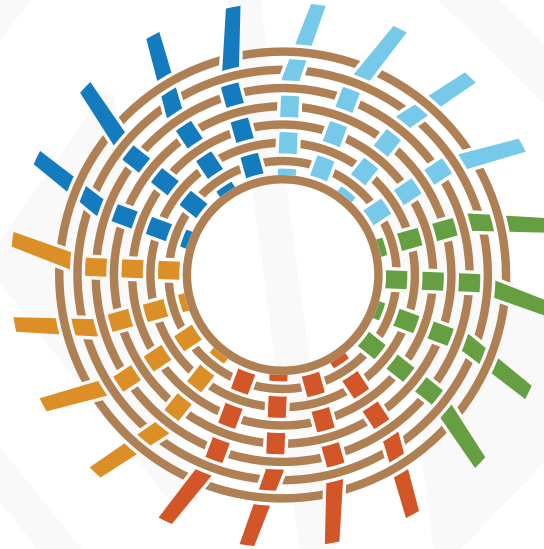
282 ATTENDEES

TOTAL ETE ATTENDEES
SPRING 2024

OTHER EVENTS

The NNC authorized the use of the Event Center for a total of 50 events, a **28% increase** from the prior year.

50 TOTAL EVENTS HOSTED | **39** JUNE 2022 - MAY 2023



NOTABLE ETE GUESTS

The ETE series reached both public and private sectors, government entities, and over **25 universities** across the country. Notable organizations represented include:

CHICKASAW NATION | CHEROKEE NATION | NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION | SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVIST | SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION | AAU DESIGNATED UNIVERSITIES | NBA OKC THUNDER ORGANIZATION | INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEE FROM AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

TRIBAL IMPACT

Overview (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)

The NNC increased its efforts to directly support and engage Tribal Nations for a variety of purposes.

7 TRIBAL NATIONS HOSTED FROM FALL 2023 - SPRING 2024

Top 3 Engagement Purposes

- » ONE HOSTED LISTENING SESSION
- » EVENT CENTER USAGE
- » PODCASTING EQUIPMENT USAGE

ONLINE IMPACT

With a renewed mission and vision, the NNC created a new brand and overhauled its website and social media accounts to increase its impact online.

Data from June 2023 – May 2024



ALL NEW ACCOUNTS / NO INCREASE DATA UNTIL 2025

3,267 UNIQUE USERS
FROM JUNE 2022 - MAY 2023

OU IMPACT

Overview (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024)

The NNC partnered or supported more than 20 OU departments, faculty, staff, and student groups.

20 OU ORGS HOSTED FROM FALL 2023 - SPRING 2024

Top 3 Engagement Purposes

- » LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON GRANTS
- » EVENT CENTER USAGE
- » ENGAGING IN TRIBAL OUTREACH