



The Transformative 25 – 2023 Indigenous-led Funds Webinar Bios & Resources

Vanessa Roanhorse,

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Vanessa is an inclusive solutions-driven problem-solver committed to liberating all peoples and delivering impactful mechanisms for social, environmental, and economic change. She launched Roanhorse Consulting (RCLLC) in 2016, an indigenous women-led think tank. RCLLC co-designs wealth and power-building efforts that directly invest in our leaders, supports meaningful data collection informed by indigenous research approaches, and helps build thoughtful community-led projects that enforce values that put people at the center. [Read more.](#)

Christy Finsel, Ph.D., (Osage Nation)

Executive Director, [Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. \(ONAC\)](#), cfinsel@oknativeassets.org

Christy, a citizen of the Osage Nation, serves as the Executive Director of ONAC and is leading the ONAC Fund. Building upon ONAC's twenty-two year history as Native asset-building coalition that provides culturally-relevant wrap-around asset-building programming (financial resources), ONAC will soon launch a revolving loan fund. Christy has directed ONAC for the past twelve years and has engaged in Native asset-building research and asset-building program development for the past twenty years. [Read more.](#)

Liz Gamboa

Executive Director, [IndigiDAO, New Mexico Community Capital \(NMCC\)](#), liz@nmccap.org

Elizabeth "Liz" Gamboa is the Executive Director at New Mexico Community Capital (NMCC). Liz supports small business owners as a mentor in the Native Entrepreneur in Residence program, contributes as a co-facilitator of the Business and Marketing Essentials program, and supports NMCC clients as a mentor and technical assistance provider in the Tribal Economic Diversification group. She is passionate about regenerative, sustainable models in business, and using systems thinking principles in her work. [Read more.](#)

Jake Foreman

Program Director, [IndigiDAO, New Mexico Community Capital \(NMCC\)](#), henry@nmccap.org

Henry Jake Foreman MCRP is a specialist in facilitation, development, and implementation of engaging learning experiences for students of all ages and has created a variety of curricula around education, health, and entrepreneurship. He is the founder of Karuna Colectiva, a social enterprise that delivers the principles of engagement, innovation, and application through mentorship, bicycling, and cooperative economics. He is also the Program Director of New Mexico Community Capital and



manages the Business & Marketing Essentials course that is designed to help build a solid foundation. [Read more.](#)

Brett Isaac

Founder & Executive Chairman, [Navajo Power, Public Benefit Corporation \(PBC\)](#), brett.isaac@navajopower.com

Brett Isaac is a member of the Navajo Nation and has worked with local chapters in the Nation to execute on numerous community development initiatives. Brett collaborated with the Navajo Community of Shonto in the development of Community Owned enterprises leading to the creation of a solar company on the Nation called Shonto Energy. Brett's company has deployed over 200 off-grid solar systems to serve households without grid electricity. Brett is a Founder & Executive Chairman at Navajo Power. [Read more.](#)

Margaret Tallmadge

Senior Development Manager, [Navajo Power, PBC](#), maggie.tallmadge@navajopower.com

[Maggie Tallmadge](#) is a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation and has a background in utility-scale solar, wind, and battery storage development and power marketing; energy and economic development capacity building; and legislative, electoral, ballot, and Public Utility Commission policy and campaign design. She is Co-Chair of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Energy Committee and the Chair of the National Congress of American Indians' Energy & Mineral Policy Subcommittee.

David Cobb

Advancement Manager, [Gouts Lakawoulh Hiwechk Fund, Wiyot Tribe Dishagamu Community Land Trust](#), david@wiyot.us

David Cobb is a guest on Wiyot ancestral territory. He is a former "people's lawyer who describes himself as a "peaceful revolutionary." He believes we can – and must– restructure the current political economy of extraction and domination and return to an economy of regeneration and cooperation. Under the guidance of the Wiyot Tribe, David is learning to be a good guest not just to people, but to land, sea, and all our relations.

Carrie Tully

Dishgamu Humboldt CLT Department Director, [Gouts Lakawoulh Hiwechk Fund, Wiyot Tribe Dishagamu Community Land Trust](#), ctully@wiyot.us

Carrie is the Director of Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust. She is of mixed European and Ashkenazi heritage, and a settler in California. Carrie has a Master of Arts in Social Sciences in Environment & Community from Cal Poly Humboldt and is a co-founder and steering committee member of the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab & Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute. She works toward community healing by building relationships with people and the more-than-human



world. This is what drove her to work on her master's thesis, "Working towards land return in Goukdi'n: a history of genocide and a future of healing." Carrie hopes to continue working towards the return of ancestral lands to Tribes across the state of California by building coalitions and engaging in policy reform.

Indigenous-led Funds Investing Resources

- [Indigenizing Catalytic Capital](#). *Joint publication of First Peoples Worldwide, Integrated Capital Investing and Croatan Institute.* Note: Resources for Investors Interested in Collaborating with Natives Peoples, pp. 104-105.
- [Moving Beyond the 5 C's of Lending: A New Model of Credit for Indian Country](#) by Jaime Gloschay and Vanessa Roanhorse, October 6, 2021.
- ["To finance Indigenous communities, capitalize Native-led investment funds and nonprofits,"](#) by Jessica Pothering on ImpactAlpha.
- ["Wolakota Buffalo Range provides lessons for indigenizing catalytic capital,"](#) by Jessica Pothering on ImpactAlpha.

Networks

- [Investors & Indigenous Peoples Working Group \(IIPWG\)](#) - First Peoples Worldwide hosts this website and monthly call focusing on investing and Indigenous rights in ESG criteria.
- [Native CDFI Network](#)
- [Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. \(ONAC\)](#) - ONAC hosts the national [Native EITC/VITA Network](#) which serves those administering Native Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs across the country (helping to make tax time be a time of building assets for tribal citizens). ONAC also administers the only national [Native Bank On Coalition](#) to connect tribal citizens to safe and affordable bank accounts (an important prerequisite for a loan client). Additionally, ONAC administers other asset-building programs such [down payment assistance](#) and [free national financial coaching to any American Indian or Alaska Native](#) regardless of where they reside in the U.S.

Recordings

- [Agents of Impact Call 53: Mobilizing Capital in Indian Country](#) - Effective catalytic capital requires terms and timelines tailored for the needs of Indian Country. Oweesta's Chrystal Cornelius, First Peoples Worldwide's Kate Finn, Navajo Power's Brett Isaac, Sičanǵu Co's Clay Colombe and Change Labs' Heather Fleming discuss the how and the why of investing in Native communities.

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