



Indigenous Rights & Women's Leadership are Central to Divestment Strategies

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Casey Camp-Horinek, Ponca Nation

Casey Camp-Horinek of the Ponca Nation is a community leader, long-time Native rights activist, Environmental Ambassador, and actress. As traditional Drumkeeper for the Ponca Pa-tha-ta, Woman's Scalp Dance Society, Casey Camp-Horinek helps maintain the cultural identity of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma for herself, her family and her community. She has been at the forefront of grassroots community efforts to educate and empower both Native and non-Native community members on environmental and civil rights issues. She has raised her voice and taken action in countless forums across the world. Casey is an honored member of the WECAN International Advisory Council and US Women's Climate Justice Initiative.



Monique Verdin, Houma Nation

Monique Verdin is a former member of south Louisiana's United Houma Nation Tribal Council and a part of the Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative core leadership circle of brown (indigenous, latinx and desi) women, from Texas to Florida, working to envision just economies, vibrant communities and sustainable ecologies. Monique is also a member of the L'eau et La Vie (Water is Life) Bayou Bridge (ETP/Phillips66) pipeline resistance camp council. She has intimately documented the complex interconnectedness of environment, economics, culture, climate and change in southeast Louisiana, for decades. Her indigenous Houma relatives and their lifeways at the ends

of the bayous, in the heart of America's Mississippi River Delta, has been the primary focus of her storytelling practice. She is the subject/co-writer/co-producer of the documentary My Louisiana Love. Monique is also the director of The Land Memory Bank & Seed Exchange. The Land Memory Bank is a series of southeast Louisiana activations sharing native seeds and local knowledge through citizen collaboration, attempting to build a community record of history and present, while seeking sustainable solutions.



Charlene Aleck, Tseil Waututh Nation

Former elected councillor for Tseil Waututh Nation, Charlene Aleck is of Tseil Waututh and Sto'lo decent. Tseil Waututh means people of the inlet and Sto'lo means people of the river. Charlene's ancestral name is Ts'simtelot and she is the daughter of the late Joe (Siyamelelexw) and Irene (Te-aktenaw) nee George, Aleck. She works with the Sacred Trust Initiative team to oppose the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline and protect TWN lands and waters for future generations. Charlene is carrying on her family tradition as a member of the Children of Takaya dance group and has a great interest in reviving Henqeminem language. Her goals for the future are to uphold the integrity of her ancestors in practicing cultural traditions; being a strong, clear voice with respect and

dignity; providing leadership for her people to be represented at all levels; and empowering her people's youth to be successful.



Michelle Cook, Diné/Navajo

Michelle Cook J.D. (Diné/Navajo) is the Founder of Divest Invest Protect campaign and Founder and Co-Director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations. She is an Indigenous human rights lawyer and served as a commissioner on the Navajo Human Rights Commission. She is currently an SJD candidate at the University of Arizona's Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program where she is developing the Indigenous Human Rights and Corporate Accountability Program. She is writing her dissertation on financial institutions, indigenous people's human rights, gender, and indigenous transnationalism. She has worked with the Water Protector Legal Collective, the on the ground legal team which provides legal services to those arrested at the Standing Rock encampment. She

advocates for indigenous human rights internationally.



Osprey Orielle Lake

The Delegation is joined by Osprey Orielle Lake, Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International and Co-Director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations. She works nationally and internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a clean energy future. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and heads-up WECAN's advocacy work in areas such as Women for Forests, Rights of Nature and UN Forums. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*.