



SWES Colloquium Series 2017-2018 Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science

Tribal Climate change training: decolonizing the process and honoring indigenous voices

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Dr. Valerie Small (Apsaalooke'-Crow) joined the Native Nations Climate Adaptation Program (NNCAP) as an Assistant Research Scientist in January 2017, and is also faculty for the American Indian Studies, Graduate Interdisciplinary Degree Program (GIDP). Valerie completed her doctorate from Colorado State University (CSU) in the Department of Bio-Agricultural Sciences & Pest Management/Weed Sciences Division in May 2013. Prior to joining the UA, Valerie was a training consultant with Colorado State University, Natural Resource Ecology Lab (NREL),

working with the North Central Climate Science Center. Dr. Small is also a co-author for the upcoming publication of the National Climate Adaptation (NCA4) Northern Great Plains Region.

Dr. Small is currently working with Tribes in the Southwest Region in collaboration with the Southwest Climate Science Center (SW CSC) and faculty within the Institute of the Environment. The focus of her work with NNCAP is to collaborate with tribes in the development of culturally focused vulnerability assessments, climate adaptation planning and community engagement, as well as training personnel to build tribal capacity in mitigating the effects of climate change. Dr. Small's responsibilities also include the co-development and delivery of education modules to meet tribal needs for predicting near-term/future effects of climate change.

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