

After a successful RIVAS 2025, we are happy to announce
**A Call for Abstract Submissions and Participation for the
6th Raising Indigenous Voices in Academia & Society**

August 6, 7 & 8 (depending on number of submissions), 2026

Participants can select to present either on site at the University of Montana or over Zoom
Abstract Submission Deadline is July 17, 2026

**Conference Sponsors: Hinono'etiit Ho'owu, and NSILC
Natives Strengthening Indigenous Languages & Cultures**

Host Institution:



The University of
Montana



In acknowledging the scholarship of Indigenous academics and speakers, whose cultures have helped shape anthropology, archeology and linguistics history, as well as other disciplines, an invitation is extended for abstract submissions for presentations. In order to eliminate concurrent sessions **only 21 abstracts will be accepted**. To access the conference **registration form to submit an abstract for a speaker's presentation, or to attend**, click link or copy into a web browser; <https://forms.gle/pT8oGnFdwjffFsX7>

For questions about abstracts, contact conference organizer Dr. Neyooxet Greymorning at, neyooxet.greymorning@mso.umt.edu

Invited Conference Key speakers: Principal Sachem Dr. Ronald Yonaguska Holloway of FANA (Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas). ***Powers of Dreaming: The Birth of a Confederation***

University of Montana Regents Professor Anna Prentiss: *The Bridge River Archaeological Project: Lessons and Accomplishments from a 20-year Indigenous Nation and University Collaborative Partnership*

- RIVAS conferences aim to provide and promote:
- 1) a venue for the exchange of ideas and constructive debate,
 - 2) a platform for Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars to present their work,
 - 3) various points of view on Indigenous current local and global phenomena, research, histories, and issues,
 - 4) discussions about and awareness of positive trends and obstacles that still hamper the participation of Indigenous scholars within an arena of global academic discourse,
 - 5) the exploration of past, present and future Indigenous experiences in both academic and non-academic contexts

Times for open discussions with speakers constitute a fundamental component of the conference and will be made available to the public at specified times each day during the conference.

Program information for RIVAS conferences from 2021 – 2025 can be found at <https://www.umt.edu/natives-strengthening-indigenous-languages-cultures/basepage.php>

To see video clips of the 2025 RIVAS opening Welcome to Country ceremony in Australia visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFzVdnRt0g&list=PLrNICBc5qnvBqHWKSmqymtSrYL_rKirG4

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