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NMU United Conference
Voices of the Earth

MARQUETTE, Mich., March 15, 2025 – Northern Michigan University has proudly brought together all members of the community for nearly two decades through the annual UNITED Conference: Uniting Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity. This year's theme is *Voices of the Earth*, which is formed to address the interconnectedness between environmental justice and social equity, as well as delving into sustainability needs and climate change. This conference is completely FREE, and all members of the community are invited.

During this event, there will be two speakers, the first being Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, the author of "As We Have Always Done - Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance." Leanne will speak on topics including the rejection of contemporary colonialism and a plethora of Indigenous topics. The second speaker will be announced soon, both keynote speeches will take place on March 18th. The main conference sessions will run from midday Monday, March 17th, and all day Tuesday, March 18th, culminating in Poetry Without Borders during the Tuesday, 5:30 PM session. The content covers a wide fields of study

- Professional Networking: Join NMU's executive chef, Derek Estes, at 5:00 PM on the 17th as he prepares a Southern Style Soul Food dinner. This will allow all attendees to connect with like-minded professionals. This event will also feature DJ Greg Sandell, as he sets the mood for a wonderful evening ahead. Space is limited, and admission to this event is \$35. Registration will close Thursday, March 13, 2025.
- Luncheon: Enjoy an Asian-inspired luncheon at 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM on the 18th. Watch an Indigenous themed dance and theatrical performance while enjoying Asian inspired cuisine. The menu will feature egg drop soup, green curry chicken, garlic ginger shrimp, fried rice, and mango coconut rice pudding, along with an Indigenous themed dance and theatrical performance.

This conference is being hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and will be a unique opportunity to grow and learn. The conference is looking for passionate educators, activists, students, and leaders to present at this year's conference.

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