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Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention

Guest Storyteller: Robert Begay

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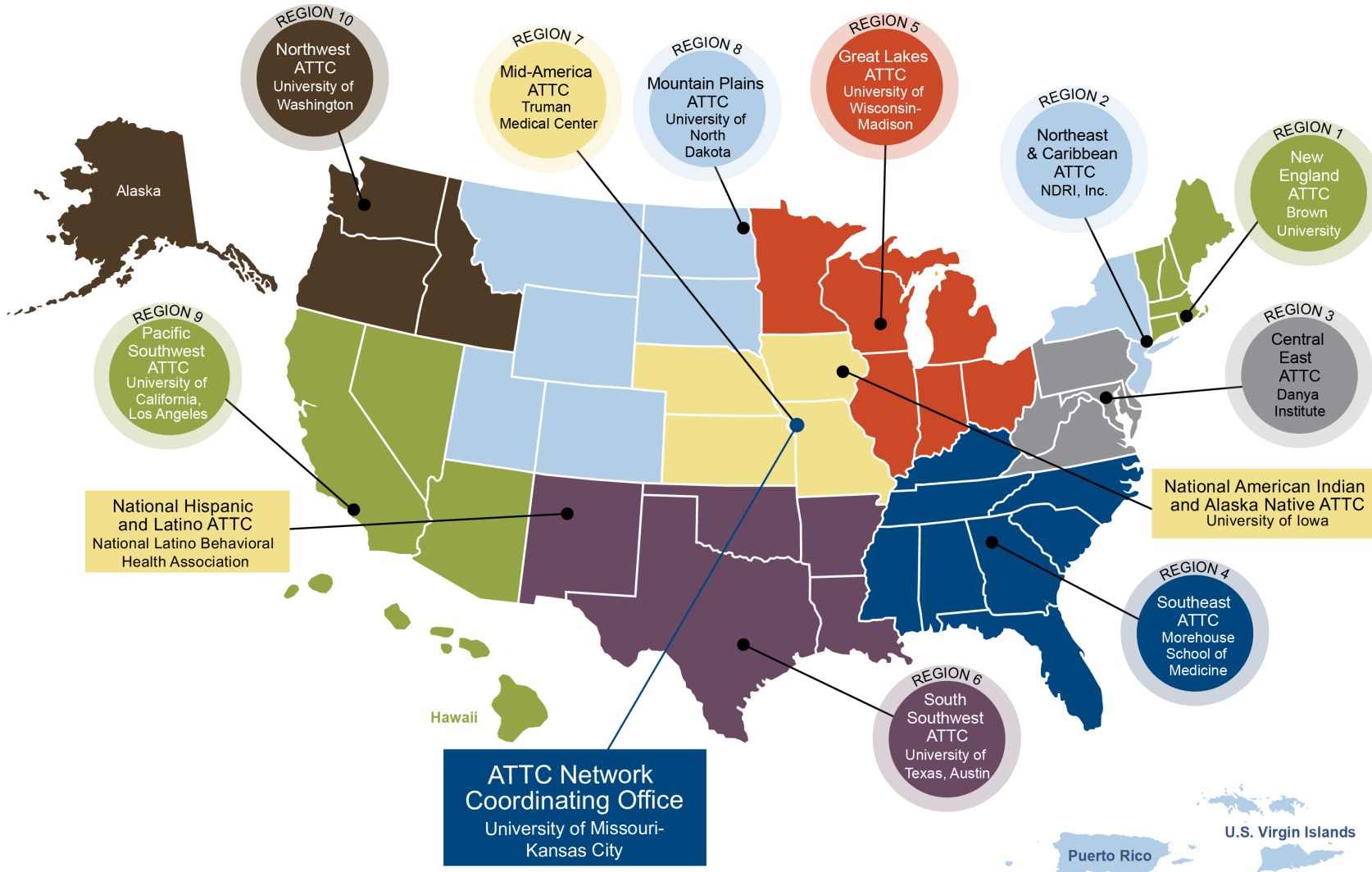


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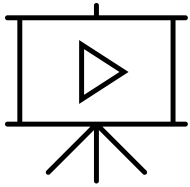
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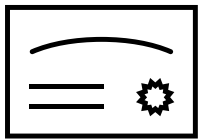


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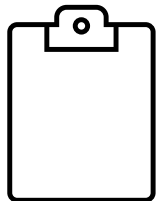
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Land Acknowledgement

We would like to take this time to acknowledge the land and pay respect to the Indigenous Nations whose homelands were forcibly taken over and inhabited.

Past and present, we want to honor the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations.

This calls us to commit to forever learn how to be better stewards of these lands through action, advocacy, support, and education.

We acknowledge the painful history of genocide and forced occupation of Native American territories, and we respect the many diverse indigenous people connected to this land on which we gather from time immemorial.

While injustices are still being committed against Indigenous people on Turtle Island, today we say thank you to those that stand with Indigenous peoples and acknowledge that land reparations must be made to allow healing for our Indigenous peoples and to mother earth, herself.

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Ttakimaweakwe, Keely Driscoll, Meskwaki and Winnebago Nations
Keokuk, Sean A. Bear, 1st. Meskwaki Nation





Today's Speaker: Robert Begay

My Name is Robert Begay, I am Navajo, and my clans are Near to Water People, my Fathers are the Edge of Water People, my Maternal Grandparents are Towering House People, and my paternal Grandparents are the Red Streak Running Into Water People. I am from Crystal New Mexico. I grew up on the Navajo Nation and continue to live here.

I graduated from Navajo Community College in Tsaile, Arizona in 1989, then went to the United States Marine Corps from 1990-1994. After the Corps, I obtained my BS in Psychology 1996 and in 2003 my MA in Socio-Cultural Anthropology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

My career started in Cultural Resource Management, the switched into Behavioral Health, Local Governance, and currently a Regional Area Archaeologist with BIA Navajo Region working the field of National Environmental Policy Act.

I have 5 Children and been married going onto 27 years in June. I grew up on the Navajo Reservation and went lived in Salt Lake City in a Mormon foster home during my elementary years and into high school. In addition, I spent over 15 years as an apprentice to late clan brother for a Navajo Traditional Enemyway Ceremony before becoming a traditional practitioner, and today continue to be an apprentice for other Navajo Traditional ceremonies.

My interest are helping Navajo people with the use Navajo traditional practices. I enjoy our family life which include training horses, tending to sheep, cattle, and spending time with our children. Learning Navajo Traditional ceremonies is one of my main interest.

