

In the shadow of Chief Seattle

Reclaiming environmentalism from the ghosts of white settlement

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Chief Seattle
(Suquamish/Duwamish)
c. 1786-1866;
important local
leader; gave his
famous farewell
speech at 1884
Point Elliot treaty

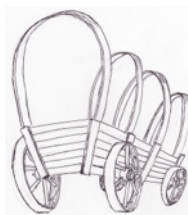


council; written
down by Dr.
Henry Smith, first
published in 1887;
words revised by
Ted Perry in 1972
for a film about
pollution;
lasting origin of
environmental
stereotype.

Playing Indian
access to the land
base: wealth and
resources; so-
called public land
(national parks,
wilderness, etc);



place names and
cultural survival;
environmentalism
can perpetuate
invisibility of
Native peoples.



**Environmental
decolonization**
UNDRIP;
Native Science
conference at
Pitzer College;
Bioneers:
Indigeneity
program;
SLFP: Finding
sacred ground
app;

2014: 150th of
Sand Creek
massacre and
50th wilderness
act!;
(un)settlement
conference;
exercising ghosts
of place;
more...

connections

Bioneers:(n.d.). "Indigeneity program":
<http://www.bioneers.org/programs/indigenous/indigeneity-program/>

Indian Land Tenure Foundation: <http://www.iltf.org/>

Indigenous Environmental Network [IEN]:
<http://www.ienearth.org/index.html>

National Native News: <http://www.nativenews.net/>

Native American Rights Fund (NARF):
<http://www.narf.org/>

Sacred Land Film Project: <http://www.sacredland.org/>

Strategies for Trauma Awareness and
Resilience (STAR): <http://www.emu.edu/cjp/star/>



"Forgetting settlement is also not
to know oneself, not to be fully
alive to the experience of place."

Stephen Turner (Pakeha), 1999

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