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- CSU CCC Fellowship 2010
  - Situation Assessment of Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Collaborative Conservation Practice in Natural Resources Remediation/Management and Cultural Conservation and Interest in CC Training Design
  - Situation Assessment to be Done by Traveling to Lands (Reservations) Whenever Possible
  - Challenge: Vast Information Gathering, Vast Areas
  - Methodology: A Random Walk
- Findings: New/Old Landscapes of Mind, Spirit and Place
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- PREFACE
- Cultural Lens
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- Information Gathering
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- LANDSCAPES of
  - Mind
  - Spirit
  - Place
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- Natural Resource Management/Remediation/Conservation/Sustainable Use
- Collaborative Processes Used Either in the Foreground or in the Background
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- Cultural Conservation
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- ISSUES
  - Sovereignty/Borders/Boundaries
    - Justice/Dispute Resolution
      - Indigeneity/Identity
    - Jurisdiction/Land Tenure
  - Historic Trauma/Colonization
    - Sustainability/Earth Rights
  - Collaboration/Process/Context
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Identity BY DESIGN
tradition, change, and celebration
in native women's dresses

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ONONDAGA LAND RIGHTS & Our Common Future II

A Collaborative Educational Series

Programs 7:00 pm at Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. (unless otherwise specified)

Look for details of related field trips and other events.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4
The Great Law of Peace
Tom Porter (Mohawk), Audrey Shenandoah (Onondaga) and Susie Moxson

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
Onondaga Land Rights: Progress for Mother Earth
Joe Heath, Tadodaho Sid Hill (Onondaga)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Finding Common Ground: Indigenous and Western Approaches to Healing our Land and Waters
Robin Kemmeter (Potawatomi) and Rick Hill (Seneca)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
Onondaga Nation School, Rte. 11 A Onondaga Territory
Closing Celebration and Cultural Sharing
Participatory social dancing with the Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers and crafts for sale by Onondaga artisans

Reports, photos and videos of the earlier events in the series are available at:
www.peacecouncil.net/hoen
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Events at the Border in 2009 and 2010

When morning broke on June 1st 2009, the Akwesasne community woke to find the Massena-Cornwall International Bridge closed & it would remain closed for the next 6 weeks.

Events leading to the bridge closure:
- CBSA Arming Deadline
- Racial Profiling
- Mohawk Land
- Peace Fires
- Resolution # 318
- Unity Social & Rally
- Akwesasne Unity March
- On-line Petitions

Immediate impacts:
- Economic:
  - The Akwesasne Mohawk Territory lost a reported $2 million in business
- Educational:
  - Lowered EQAO assessment scores, reflecting the troublesome times rather than the students' true ability

Community Stress & Tension:
- For 6 weeks, community members of Cornwall Island were shut off from their daily, normal lives

Community responses:
- Community Bonding:
  - Established a powerful, community run grassroots movement that brought the Mohawk people together
- National Pride:
  - Other First Nation Peoples, and other communities reached out with help, support, and supplies.
- Akwesasne People's Fire Website:
  - Creation of a website to communicate community point of view
- People's Fire:
  - Established at the border

Long term issues:
- Community Stress & Tension:
  - For 6 weeks, the Akwesasne community members were unable to maintain their normal routines
- Economic:
  - The closure enhanced an already hard-hitting recession
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