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About

Volume Eight was created through a special partnership between the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Knowledge Makers Journal Publication Program.

This edition of the Knowledge Makers Journal brought together an international cohort of 16 Indigenous women to strengthen and increase skills for Indigenous-led knowledge sharing and research.

Their paper topics centered around Indigenous Women, Indigenous Peoples' Food and Knowledge Systems, and Climate Action.

On the following pages, you will learn a bit about each author and the title of their paper. We have also provided a QR code that opens a PDF of the author's full paper for you to read.

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(Helping our community as a whole helps us all individually)

Christine Olsen



Christine, based in Ostersund, Sweden, is a Sámi woman and eyemoother, reviving traditional Sámi knowledge through her role as president of Niejda - a Sámi organization for women and girls.

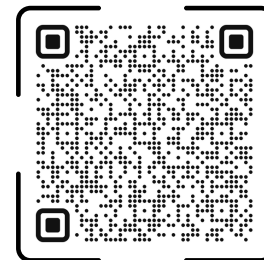


**Author of “It’s Time to Put
the Power of Plants Back into
People’s Hands.”**

Ilana Zakh



Currently pursuing a Master's degree at the Graduate School of Logistics, Incheon National University, Ilana represents the Lamynkha tribe of the Even people from Siberia and the Russian Far East.



**Author of “Reindeer Herding:
Keeping the Even Culture
Alive and Contributing to
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Miriam Tambieva



With a journalism and zootechnics background, Miriam provides a unique perspective on food processing and storytelling, coming from the Karachay-Balkar Indigenous people, a North Caucasus native community.

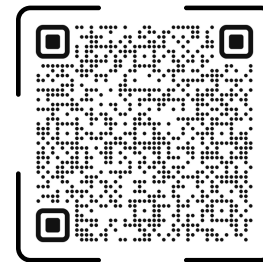
Paige Mo'okini Oliveira



Paige, a Kanaka 'Ōiwi (Native Hawaiian) from Hawaii, holds a Master's of Environmental Management. Committed to environmental stewardship, she works towards sustainable solutions for all Kanaka 'Ōiwi.



Author of “Karachay and Balkar Indigenous People Zero-waste Philosophy and Lifestyle”



Author of “Knowledge is Fluid”

Joeann Walters



Joeann Walters, from Ngāti Taka, Te Waiariki, and Ngāti Kororā tribes in Aotearoa/New Zealand, is dedicated to environmental stewardship in her Indigenous community, deeply rooted in her ancestral lands of Ngunguru and Whananaki.

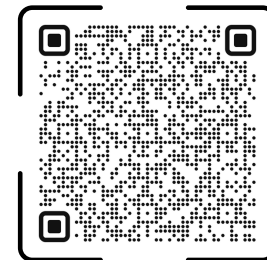


**Author of
“Chiefs of our Whenua”**

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From Nepal, Laxmi belongs to the Indigenous Tharu community. She is an undergraduate student of Public health, with a research focus on health, Indigenous culture, and food systems.



**Author of
“Beyond Plate”**

Preety Sharma



Preety, a Nagaland conservationist, bridges Indigenous wisdom with modern practices, empowering local communities through youth engagement in sustainable landscape management.

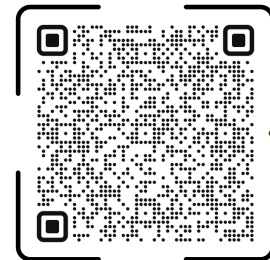


Author of “Think Piece:
Indigenous Peoples Food and
Knowledge Systems”

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Author of “Implications of
Pastoral Transformation from
Nomadic to Sedentary Livelihood
Systems Among Pastoral
Indigenous (Maasai) on Food
Security in the Kiteto District”

Ghasala Imane Mohamed



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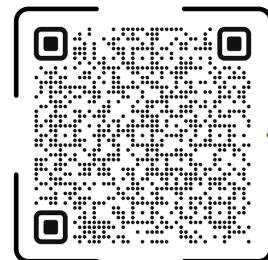


Author of “Kel Tamashek's Alimentary Resilience in the Face of Climate Change ”

Purba Drong



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Author of “Garo Indigenous Peoples: Food Habits and Storage Processes”

Dustina Gill



Dustina is a citizen of Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate from the Wah'pekute band, residing on the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. She credits her knowledge to mentors, who also helped to shape her commitment to her community.

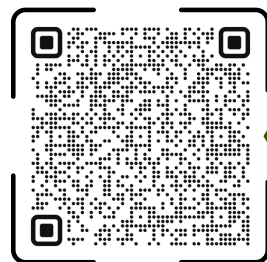


Author of “The Buffalo Nation and the Bundle Carriers Project”

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Rosa is Afrobinniza from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, Mexico. She holds a Master's of Rural Development, and a Bachelor of Environmental Sciences, and is currently studying Communication Sciences.

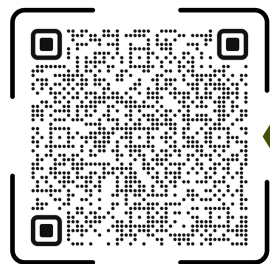


Author of “Wind Farms, Access to Land and Territorial Defence in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec”

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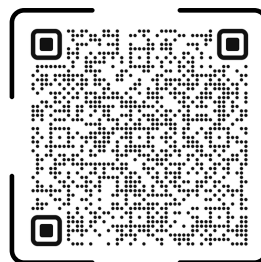


Author of “The Protection of the Wayuu Territory is the Protection of the Weaving of Our Life”

Melanie Kirby



Melanie Kirby, a Tortugas Pueblo member and 'Nectar Nomad', draws wisdom from bees during her global travels spanning three decades, promoting land stewardship, agroecology, and diverse conservation practices.



Author of “The Importance of Place, Power, and Purpose in Pollinator Conservation”

Shannon Udy



Shannon is a Metis graduate student working towards a Master's in Nutrition at McGill University. She aims to empower Indigenous communities with food security research initiatives.

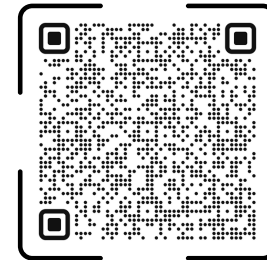


Author of “Building a Community-Based Participatory Food Systems Approach to Indigenous Food Security and Food Sovereignty”

Ryann Monteiro



Ryann is from the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah in Massachusetts. Armed with a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies and a Master of Public Health, she aspires to leverage her expertise to serve wherever she is called.



Author of “Resisting the Consumption of Indigenous Knowledge”