

from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the

**Center for World Indigenous Studies** 

(An independent nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1984)

At: Northwest Indian Professional Center 112 East Fourth Ave. Suite 112 (Downtown Olympia)

Learn about Center for World Indigenous Studies programs, including accredited BA, MA and Ph.D degrees and professional/leadership development in Fourth World Studies and Traditional Medicine; policy and research activities promoting cooperative relations between indigenous peoples and states governments, environmental programs addressing nuclear issues and biodiversity on tribal lands, in Washington state and around the globe.

## Program

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Reception:** 

Food and beverages

Come meet, talk and see slides, publications and learn more from:

Dr. Rudolph C. Ryser, Ph.D., Founding Chair and Executive Director of CWIS

Dr. Leslie Korn, Ph.D., M.P.H. Director of Research and Education and Clinical Director of the Center for Traditional Medicine, in Yelapa, Mexico

Deanna Notaro, Assistant Executive Director, CWIS

John Burrows, Director, Fourth World Documentation Project and member, Board of Directors.

Greg Grove, Director: Kowlitchk IllaHee Mapping Project

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Partial list of Accomplishment Highlights

1979 During the first Conference of Tribal Governments in the Pacific Northwest

United States, Grand Chief George Manuel stood as the President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada and called for the creation of the establishment of an independent "Fourth World Think Tank" that would undertake research and education initiatives to advance the ideas and knowledge of Fourth World peoples throughout the world.

1984 In response to this call, The Center for World Indigenous Studies is incorporated as an independent, non-profit (U.S. 501 (c)(3)) research and education organization dedicated to wider understanding and appreciation of the ideas and knowledge of indigenous peoples.

1985 CWIS is requested to send Rudolph Ryser to Nicaragua to advise the Miskito, Sumu and Rama Indian tribes during the peace negotiations to end the war in Nicaragua.

1989 CWIS and Evergreen State College collaborate in the organization and conduct of the "Symposium on Indian Self-Government".

1991 The Fourth World Documentation Project (FWDP) (Indigenous Peoples' Information for the Online Community) developed by WEB Master John Burrows is one of the first World Wide WEB pages to go online on the Internet.

1992 Publication of the major work: "Anti-Indian Movement on the Tribal Frontier" widely recognized as the authoritative analysis on a social and political movement that would have ramifications in the United States of America, Canada, Mexico and many countries in South and Central America.

1994 The Center for Traditional Medicine, (CTM) founded by Dr. Leslie Korn in rural Mexico in 1976 joins CWIS.

1995 After 10 years of participating at the United Nations Working group on the rights of Indigenous peoples, CWIS, drafts The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations which is then submitted to nations worldwide for their ratification.

1995 A coalition of Indian governments (Lummi, Quinault, Jamestown S'Klallam, Sac & Fox, Mille Lac Chippewa and Absentee Shawnee) award CWIS a \$50,000.00 grant to conduct a comprehensive, eight-month study, of the negotiations and framework-setting processes of the Self-Governance initiative.

1996: CWIS Sponsors a Conference on "Land, Politics and Bigotry" in Seattle Washington attended by sixty representatives of Indian governments, environmental, and anti-bigotry organizations.

1997 CWIS opens seminar and certificate programs in Fourth World Studies and Traditional Medicine leading to BA, MA and PhD. Degrees

1997 CWIS collaborates with the University College Dublin and other organizations to convene the World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence at the University College, Dublin, Ireland. Attended by 350 participants, CWIS took a delegation of 8 presenters who delivered a total of 10 talks and papers.