

# Précis of Blake Gentry's Climate Change Work

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## Summary of Qualifications

Climate change adaptation preparedness and evaluation of indigenous communities, vulnerability and resilience of indigenous communities, evaluation and monitoring, non-profit management, community health promotion and research, language survey design, public policy advocacy, supervision of higher education internships, international program development.

## Training & Education

Curso de Derecho y Economía del Cambios Climático (Law and Economy of Climate Change) Post Graduate Course, FLACSO, Buenos Aires Argentina, July /August, 2013; course covered international CC legal and economic frameworks. Course offered by Professor Leonidas Osvaldo Giradin, researcher for Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Tecnológicas de la República de Argentina (CONICET), y miembro del Bureau of the Task Force on National GHG Inventories of the IPCC.

Adjunctive Therapy Certification (12 credits), National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA), 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, *Fostering Community Resilience and Healing*, Denver, Colorado, May 2-4, 2013. NCCAOM Provider # 072, Course #029, the NADA TX is used for treating disaster relief related trauma.

Climate-Eval and SEA Change webinar: "Learning form evaluations of climate change and development interventions, and how does this inform policy?", March 7, 2013.

Master of Public Policy and Management, concentration in International Development, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,

Bachelor of Arts, double major - Spanish, Latin-American Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA

Latin American Area Studies: Centro de Estudios Universitarios Colombo-Americano, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

## Current Projects (2013)

### Tohono O'odham History, Culture and Language Workshops for Community Members

Developed for Gente de l'itoy, A.C. Presentations completed in indigenous communities gathered in two separate municipalities of Magdalena, and Plutarco Elias Calles, Sonora, Mexico. The history of the Tohono O'odham adaptation to climate is emblematic of native evolution in a local environment. Summer/Fall 2013.

Obama's Policy Response to Climate Change, official blog posted to [Climate-Eval](#), the official climate change evaluation website of the [Global Environment Facility Evaluation Office](#), June 25, 2013.

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Expert Commentary submitted to the IPCC WG AR 5 Expert Review Process on indigenous vulnerability in Central America and Mexico, May 29, 2013.

### Recent Consultancies

**Conducted a community based review** of The Human Impact on Climate Change: Opportunities and Challenges, Policy Possibilities for Public Discussion. Conducted public discussions of a draft discussion guide in Spanish and English in Sonora, Mexico and Tucson, Arizona respectively, Interactivity Foundation, Sept. / Oct., 2013.

**Climate Change Adaptation Workshop Presenter: Gender and Regional Climate.** Two presentations were completed in rural Sonora, Mexico based on regional climate data and gender specific groups in distinct ethnic communities. Sonora, Mexico. Presented for CIADIS, A.C. July 2012.

**Climate Change Public Policy Discussant.** As a discussant, I exchanged views with a panel for seven months on a range of topics related to climate change under exploration by the Interactivity Foundation, culminating with a session in Madison, WI, USA in July 2012.

### Education Coordinator, United Nations Association of Southern Arizona

- Directed external education programs for UN affiliated membership and UNICEF contributing organization. Engaged timely community and academic discussions on UN issues relevant to Southern Arizona. The United Nations Association, USA is now incorporated into the UN Foundation
- Co-planned the first regional conference on the Health Effects of Climate Change Conference in association with University of Arizona medical, public health, and nursing programs coordinated conference media outreach, created CD of published literature
- Partnered for the creation of five local policy issues supported by United Nations Agencies: Survivors of Torture, Refugee Festival, Health Impacts of CC Conference, Water Festival / Conference Panel Discussion Coordinator, Israeli –Palestinian – Arizonan Water Policy Workshop.
- Wrote a secondary school curriculum on climate change based on 2007 IPCC Findings
- Supervised undergraduate university research and outreach internships
- Organized public policy and international development lecture series on UN issues
- Organized a policy dialogue with EU MP, Chair of EU Commission Migration Committee, and five immigrant advocate organizations in Arizona, USA

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## Networks Membership:



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## Member, Board of Directors:

[Guatemala Acupuncture and Medical Aid Project](#), Tucson, AZ/Guatemala



[Gente de l'itoi, A.C.](#) [Mexican legal NGO for indigenous development]

