

Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegation to Toronto, Canada Spokeswomen List – Summer 2019



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Melanie K. Yazzie (Bilagáana/Diné), PhD, is Assistant Professor of Native American Studies and American Studies at the University of New Mexico. She is also the national Chair of The Red Nation, a grassroots organization committed to the liberation of Indigenous people from colonialism and capitalism. She does historical research at the intersections of Indigenous studies, feminist and queer studies, carceral studies, Diné (Navajo) studies, and environmental studies. She also does public intellectual and activist work on Native women's rights, LGBTQ2 rights, environmental justice, policing and incarceration, Indigenous housing justice, urban Indigenous issues, and international solidarity.



Osprey Orielle Lake

The Delegation is joined by Osprey Orielle Lake, Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International and Co-Director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations. She works nationally and internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a clean energy future. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and heads-up WECAN's advocacy work in areas such as Women for Forests, Rights of Nature and UN Forums. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, *Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature*.