

Register Now!

Dear 1994 Land-grant Colleagues and FALCON members,

The [First Americans Land-Grant Consortium \(FALCON\)](#) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 19th Annual Conference, scheduled for October 13-15, 2023, at the Hilton Denver City Center, Denver, Colorado. **Please register for the conference now.**

As always, the conference will include sessions in 1994 land-grant teaching, extension programs and research that benefit Native American students, communities, governments, and lands. There will be a strong student focus and tribal college students are especially invited to participate and present their work. The conference will also include a USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) update, training workshops, information-sharing, and networking opportunities.

Registration for the Friday-Sunday conference is \$400, with a one-day rate of \$200. **To register, click: [FALCON 2023 Registration](#).** Please select your tickets and proceed to Checkout, where you can select “Pay by check” or “Pay at the door,” in addition to credit card payments. Mail your checks payable to “FALCON” to FALCON, 3589 Mt. Vernon Lane, Woodbury, MN 55129.

You can find the tentative agenda at: [FALCON 2023 Agenda](#). Applications for faculty and student presentations and poster exhibits are being accepted now (click on [FALCON 2023 Call for Presentations](#)). Applications are also being accepted for travel scholarships for student poster and panel presenters (click on [FALCON 2023 Student Scholarship Application](#)). **The deadline for presentation proposals and scholarship applications is September 15, 2023.**

We are at the [Hilton Denver City Center](#) at 1701 California St., Denver, CO 80202, 303-297-1300. You can make your hotel reservations at this link: [2023 FALCON](#). The room rate is \$196 plus tax per night. The group rate is available until [September 21, 2023](#).

We are excited to announce several **pre-conference meetings** on Thursday and Friday, October 12-13, 2023.

First, the **Land-Grant Partners Summit** (starting early on the 12th and ending at noon on the 13th) is intended for administrative leaders and organizers within 1862 and 1994 land-grant universities (LGUs) to respond to the circumstances associated with the founding of the land-grant university system. The hope is to stimulate positive steps toward making amends; build strong partnerships between 1862 and 1994 LGUs that direct resources and collective wisdom toward solving some of society’s greatest challenges; and solidify plans for continuing the dialogue next year and beyond involving top-level administrators as a priority. The host for this event is the [First Nations Development Institute](#) in Longmont, CO. Read more about this project at [Land Grant Partners](#).

Registration for this pre-conference event is a separate fee of \$325. Please purchase the pre-conference ticket through the FALCON registration platform. If paying by check, make payable

to First Nations Development Institute and mail to FALCON, 3589 Mt. Vernon Lane, Woodbury, MN 55129. Hotel accommodation and meetings for this event will be at the Hampton Inn/Homewood Suites, 550 15th Street, Denver, CO. Make your hotel reservations at: [Hampton Inn & Suites Denver Downtown](#), phone: (303) 623-5900; or [Homewood Suites Denver Downtown](#), phone: (303) 534-7800 – use code FND to get the \$196 room rate. Scholarships may be available for 1994 LGU attendees using [this scholarship application](#). Meeting registration, hotel reservations, and scholarship applications are due by August 11, 2023, unless otherwise approved by LGP. For more information and special arrangements contact Brian Snyder (brian@landgrantpartners.org).

The Climate, Water, Equity, and Opportunity Workshop (starting midday on the 12th and ending at noon on the 13th) is intended for 1862, 1890, and 1994 colleagues from the North Central Region. This workshop will increase knowledge and trust among 1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grant professionals working on climate and water related issues. The workshop will feature community leaders discussing how a changing climate is impacting their lands, waters, and people; land-grant leaders sharing their perspectives including Dr. Ruth Plenty Sweetgrass and Dr. Daniel Wildcat; and ample discussions to draft actionable recommendations to improve land-grant collaborations that will increase the ability to provide climate and water programming to historically underserved communities with a focus on Black and Indigenous communities. The workshop will focus on the North Central Region, climate and water-resilience, and applied solutions, making it a perfect fit for the region's extension colleagues and natural resource faculty. While the workshop will focus on climate impacts in the North Central Region of the United States (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI), land-grant colleagues from other regions are welcome to attend.

Registration for this event is a separate fee of \$50 and is being handled separately at [Climate, Water, Equity and Opportunity Workshop](#). Checks for the climate workshop can be made out to UW Extension and sent to: UW Extension; Attn: Krysta Koralesky, 445 Henry Mall, Ste 206 Madison, WI 53706. The workshop will be held at Expansive Denver – a 2 block walk from the Hilton Denver City Center. Attendees are encouraged to stay at the Hilton Denver City Center as additional rooms have been reserved as a part of the FALCON room block. More information and a workshop agenda can be found at [Climate, Water, Equity and Opportunity Workshop](#). \$500 travel scholarships and waived registration fee may be available to those who have the need. If you would like to request travel support, please contact Anne Nardi at anne.nardi@wisc.edu.

We are also excited to announce **two special workshops** on Friday afternoon, October 13:

First, in partnership with Colorado State University (CSU), a **CSU SPUR mobile workshop** will be held at the [CSU SPUR](#), a public space for research and outreach innovation in downtown Denver. Participants will tour the state-of-the-art facilities, visit with CSU research and teaching faculty, and discuss how 1994 and 1862 institutions might collaborate. Registration for this event is a separate fee of \$75. Please purchase this ticket when you register for the conference. You must pay in advance for this ticket—no “Pay at the door” payments are allowed. Space is limited to the first 40 registered and we ask that you limit your attendance to two per institution to allow others to experience the mobile workshop.

Next, the **Growing Native Agriculture Train-The-Trainers** workshop will be held on Friday afternoon and evening (dinner provided) at the conference hotel. This workshop is intended for 1994 and Native-serving Extension educators who support Native American agricultural and community food producers. The workshop will include best-practices in providing technical assistance and training on topics such as agribusiness planning, land/conservation management, local food production and more. There is no fee for this workshop, but a RSVP is required when you register for the conference. For more information on this workshop, contact Carrie Schumacher at bsschues@yahoo.com.

We look forward to joining with you and learning about the programs being conducted within the 1994 land-grant community. Should you have any questions regarding the FALCON Annual Conference, please contact John Phillips at jphillips@aihec.org.

Sincerely,

John L. Phillips
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