

THE ARCTIC TOGETHER

EPISODE NINE | FALL 2025 PODCAST

SHOW NOTES & RESOURCE GUIDE

Centering Indigenous community voices, getting to the root of research, and what it means to be “Arctic Together” through sharing story

 Podcast Website

Special Series: Fostering Indigenous-led Research Convergence Working Group Interviews

Mini-series Episode #3 of 5: Dr. Margaret Rudolf hosts Stacey Kangipneq Lucason and Warren Miaraq Jones



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About

The *Arctic Together* podcast is a podcast series that centers Indigenous community voices, shares Navigating the New Arctic (NNA) community stories, and highlights different approaches to issues and solutions in Arctic-based research. The NNA-CO Community Extension Office at Alaska Pacific University is the content developer and host of the *Arctic Together* podcast, and aims to build awareness, partnerships, opportunities, and resources for collaboration. From local to international scales, to supporting the next generation of Arctic researchers, *Arctic Together* offers stories and wisdom towards a more holistic understanding of the Arctic.

This episode is hosted by Dr. Margaret Rudolf, with guests Stacey Kangipneq Lucason and Warren Miaraq Jones who share about Indigenous-led conservation and their thoughts on why conservation should be Indigenous-led or have an Indigenous lens to guide it. The discussion is rich, from the heart, and covers conservation with a holistic emphasis. Tune in for more!



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SPECIAL FEATURE GUESTS

Stacey Kangipneq Lucason



Stacey Kangipneq Lucason is a dual-citizen of the Ninilchik Tribe and United States of America. She is of Yup'ik and Scandinavian descent, and makes her home on Dena'ina lands near Anchorage, Alaska. She works presently as a parent, community advocate, and in her role with Kawerak as a Tribal Research Coordinator in support of the interests of Tribes in the Bering Straits Region. Much of her work has been in expanding access and creating pathways for Indigenous Peoples to excel in all facets of life. She has been involved in shaping institutions of higher education and public research to better serve Indigenous Peoples, continues to build connections across the Arctic with researchers and policymakers, and is always seeking ways to live authentically as a modern Yup'ik person.

Warren Miaraq Jones



Miaraq, Warren Jones is Gwich'in and Yupik by ancestry and was adopted into and grew up in the Nome area with his Inupiaq family. He is the son of Beatrice and Tommy Herman and the grandchild of Agnes Lake (Tinker) and Robert Obrien of the Hooper Bay area and Esther and Ben Herman from the Nome area. Warren grew up hunting, fishing and gathering on the coast both in the Nome and Hooper Bay areas. He spent the latter part of his childhood in Palmer in the Matanuska Valley. Warren served as an infantry scout for 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion with the 13th and 15th Marine Expeditionary Units. Warren studied political science and political philosophy before branching out into his own philosophical work. Warren is married to Sacha Jones, they have 4 children, Cash, Rowan, Mayuq and Mia.

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This episode of the mini-series touches on many topics within Indigenous-led conservation, including the worldview that everything has spirit, reasons for using Indigenous-led conservation, and visions of what Indigenous-led conservation might look like. As Warren notes about relationship with the one Earth we live on and should steward for the future generations, “As the world goes, so do we.”

Values drive everyone. Here are some resources regarding Alaska Native values:

- The Alaska Native Knowledge Network’s Alaska Native Values for Curriculum:
<http://www.ankn.uaf.edu/ancr/values/>
 - This resource has Alutiiq, Athabaskan/Athabaskan, Inupiat, Cup’ik, Yup’ik, Tlingit, and Unangan/Unangas links
- SEALASKA’s Culture Page: <https://sealaska.com/culture/>
- Molly of Denali’s Alaska Native values:
https://d43fweuh3sg51.cloudfront.net/media/media_files/b362cb0f-09f9-4666-a290-705c826f6a52/a82ac9f3-a244-4f64-8cb6-a20b997ba08a.pdf



An example of a project/website that shares co-produced conservation work, including usable and private-to-data-provider tools, is the Exchange for Local Observations and Knowledge of the Arctic (ELOKA). It has resources and products that show a glimpse into Evenki, Yup’ik, Kolyma River Indigenous societies, Cup’ik, Unangan, Inupiat, St. Lawrence Island Yup’ik, and more Indigenous knowledges, systems, and even Yup’ik place names.

NNA-CO’s website includes many resources as well, like the Co-production of Knowledge page. Check it out [here](#)!



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Click the links below for more information & resources shared by guests.

Featured Music 

From the artist
Byron Nicholai

Pre-Christian contact, Arctic people already had their own spirituality and relationship with the land, animals, plants, and waters that sustain life.

Learn more about the spirit-lens in living in Arctic spaces below:

[YouTube interview](#)- Warren Miaraq Jones on the Nordic Animism channel

Arctica Podcast with Warren Miaraq Jones: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#)

Thinking about the past, present, and future while staying present in the now can be daunting, but is very important. Stacey and Warren mentioned that they are working with their childrens' futures in mind, hoping to leave a world that is habitable for their children, similar to the Seventh Generation Principle that generates from the Haudenosaunee people. The Seventh Generation Principle ([link here](#)) reminds leaders to take the future children into account when making decisions, and reminds us that our decisions have consequences that impact not only us in the now, but the future descendants.



<https://legacyproject.org/7gen>

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“Why wouldn’t we want to work towards everyone having better relationships with the environment?”

Stacey Kangipneq Lucason on Indigenous Conservation Management

“You should understand the assumptions that you are operating from.”

Warren Miaraq Jones on Indigenous Conservation Management

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