Thursday, July 7, 2022 - Keynote Address Overview

Session Topic: **Engineering Positive Identity Development for Indigenous Learners**

**Presenter:** Dr. Anton Treuer

**Room:** Brynhild Haugland Room  
**Time:** Thursday, 9:00am

**Session Description:** Join celebrated author, professor, and racial equity advocate, Dr. Anton Treuer, for a deep look at how tribal language and culture work can engineer better academic outcomes and engineer the positive identity development of Indigenous learners.

Dr. Anton Treuer (pronounced troy-er) is Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University and author of many books. He has a B.A. from Princeton University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He is Editor of the Oshkaabewis Native Journal, the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language. Dr. Treuer has presented all over the U.S. and Canada and in several foreign countries on Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask, Cultural Competence & Equity, Strategies for Addressing the “Achievement” Gap, and Tribal Sovereignty, History, Language, and Culture. He has sat on many organizational boards and has received more than 40 awards and fellowships. Treuer is on the governing board for the Minnesota State Historical Society. In 2018, he was named Guardian of Culture and Lifeways and recipient of the Pathfinder Award by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums.

Friday, July 8, 2022 - Keynote Address Overview

Session Topic: **Heartwork: Harnessing the Fire Within**

**Presenter:** Tanaya Winder

**Room:** Brynhild Haugland Room  
**Time:** Friday, 12:30pm

**Session Description:** Tanaya Winder is an author, singer / songwriter, poet, motivational speaker and educator who comes from an intertribal lineage of Southern Ute, Pyramid Lake Paiute, Diné and Duckwater Shoshone Nations where she is an enrolled citizen. Her heritage also includes African American. Tanaya’s performances and talks emphasize the importance of “heartwork” – the life path one is meant to follow by using his/her/their gifts and passions. She blends storytelling, singing, and spoken word to teach about different expressions of love (self-love, intimate love, social love, community love, and universal love). She is the Director of the University of Colorado Boulder’s Upward Bound program; during her 10 years there she has served hundreds of Indigenous youth. She also co-founded Sing Our Rivers Red’s MMIW earring exhibit. Tanaya believes everyone has a gift they’ve been placed on this earth to share. Her specialties include youth & women empowerment, healing trauma through art, creative writing workshops, and mental wellness advocacy.