NINTH BIENNIAL

MYAAMIAKI CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 ◆ ARMSTRONG STUDENT CENTER

9:00	**Introduction and Opening Song**
9:15	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Daryl Baldwin
9:30	**National Breath of Life Archival Institute for Indigenous Languages: From Paper to Talk** Dr. Gabriela Pérez Báez and Jerome Viles
10:15	**Aacimwaahkionkonci: Stories from the Land** Dr. Cameron Shriver and Dr. Douglas Troy
11:00	**Mahkihkiwa: Myaamia Ethnobotanical Database** Dr. Mike Gonella
11:30	Visit Presenter Tables
12:00	Lunch (on your own)
1:30	**Weeyaakiteeheeyankwi Neepwaantiiyankwi: Celebrating 50 Years of Learning From Each Other** Kara Strass and Dr. Cameron Shriver
2:15	**The Miami-Illinois Digital Archive: Where Are We Now?** Dr. David J. Costa and Dr. Hunter Lockwood
3:00	**Myaamia Student Experience at Miami University: A Student Panel** Dr. Haley Shea and Miami University Students and Alumni
4:00	**Closing Comments** Daryl Baldwin
4:15	Visit Presenter Tables

Free to the public.
Register online at https://www.miamioh.edu/myaamiaki-conference-registration

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Miami University

Presented by the Myaamia Center at Miami University ◆ MiamiOH.edu/myaamia-center

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aya aya ceeki eeweemilakakoki neehi niihkaaninka. tipeewe neeyolakakoki oowaaha myaamionki Greetings friends and relatives. It is good to see you here in the lands of the Miami for this event.

On behalf of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and our Nation's leadership, it is my great honor to welcome you to the 9th biennial Myaamiaki Conference. This gathering, now spanning 20 years, provides a venue for invited scholars to share their research and perspectives on topics significant to the Myaamiaki.

Sharing knowledge is important to us. It helps strengthen our tribal community and reinforces our relationships to our partner communities such as Miami University. The context for sharing knowledge, and the new questions that arise from that process, are significant and impact how we move forward. The location of the Myaamiaki Conference on this campus, in the lands of our ancestors, demonstrates a level of trust and our commitment to sharing between the sovereign Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Miami University. Our commitment is exemplified as we take time in this year to celebrate 50 years of *neepwaantiinki* 'learning from each other'.

To all in attendance, we hope you will be enriched from the knowledge shared in today's event and stimulated through the social interactions that happen as we gather together. We hope you leave this event with a greater understanding of the respectful and lasting alliance between our tribal nation and this grand institution which bears our name.

nipwaahkaako (be well)

Douglas Lankford

Akima Eecipoonkwia

Chief Douglas Lankford

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aya and welcome to Miami University and the 9th biennial Myaamiaki Conference hosted by the Myaamia Center and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma. It is so wonderful to once again have the opportunity to meet in person - especially this year, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the very special partnership between the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and Miami University. We are deeply honored to partner with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma and the Myaamia Center, a treasured partnership so aptly described and embodied by the Myaamia word neepwaantiinki 'learning from each other.' We are so pleased that you can attend this year's conference and be a part of the larger community of tribal scholars.

This year's conference is a part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of our partnership, a tangible example of which is the Myaamia Center. The Myaamia Center provides a platform for faculty, students and staff to support and promote in-depth Myaamia research to assist tribal educational efforts aimed at the preservation of tribal language and culture. We look forward to learning more about their ongoing activities, research projects and partnerships, and educational initiatives during this conference.

Please enjoy your time on our beautiful Oxford campus, located within the traditional homelands of the Myaamia and Shawnee people. We look forward to reengaging with old friends and making new ones as we learn more about the Myaamia Center's important and impactful work, and celebrate our fifty-year partnership with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

Welcome!

In Love & Honor,

Gregory P. Crawford
President

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