**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**Tourism in Indian Country**



***Dignity* statue, Chamberlain, South Dakota**

**Courtesy of South Dakota Department of Tourism**

**Speakers:**

Edward Hall, Project Manager, Bureau of Trust Fund Administration and former Tourism Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Seleni Matus, Executive Director, International Institute of Tourism Studies, The George Washington University

**Topic:** Tourism in Indian Country

**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021

**Time:** 12:15-1:15 PM (Eastern)

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Tourism can provide Indian Country with significant economic benefits while offering an avenue to reclaim, maintain, shape and share traditions and narratives. Tourism in Indian Country can also respond to visitor interest in rewarding and authentic cultural experiences. The Departments of Commerce and Interior are leading the effort to implement the NATIVE Act, which mandates Federal agencies to identify and coordinate existing programs and resources that support tribal capacity building for tourism development. Ed Hall helped to create the first Indigenous Tourism Forum of the America’s with the George Washington University and the Organization of American States. For more information, go to: <https://indigenoustourismforum.org/>­­

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