

**Jacquelynn (“Jackie”) Warledo, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma,** is IITC’s Development Coordinator and a former member of the IITC Board of Directors, where she served as IITC Board Treasurer from 2001 to 2006. Jackie was an Indigenous Environmental campaigner addressing toxic production for many years and, and worked with many Indigenous organizations, tribes and mainstream environmental organizations, as well as states at several international fora to strengthen the language of a global treaty at the United Nations Environmental Program on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Jackie was a staff member of the Indian Lands Toxics Program for Greenpeace, and co-founded and served as a National Council member of the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) as well the IEN Oklahoma Regional Council (ORIEN). She also served for several years as a lead Indigenous negotiator for the development of the UN Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants which went into force in 2004.

Jackie has served as a consultant and advisor for over 25 years to a number of Indigenous communities, grassroots and national organizations throughout the country. She is a respected trainer in a number of areas including strategic planning, community organizing, program development, media, business and economic development, fundraising, human rights, language and cultural restoration, Treaty rights, environmental justice, food sovereignty and youth and community mentorship.

Jackie is an experienced planner and events coordinator and served as conference coordinator to IITC, IEN and the Youth and Elders Conferences. In 1998 she successfully aided the ceremonial community of Oklahoma Seminoles to acquire a land base for their ceremonial and community needs, and in 1999 was the producer of an award winning educational video on the impacts of persistent organic pollutants on Indigenous peoples, “Drumbeat for Mother Earth” which has been shown all over the world including at the United Nations. Jackie has also served as the communications director for Seminole Nation of Oklahoma’s businesses which included media communications, marketing, editor for monthly newsletter, the production of a weekly radio program and oversight for the development of a tribal web site.



**Pamela K. Miller**; Executive Director; Anchorage, Alaska

Pamela founded ACAT in 1997. She is a European American. Since 2000, ACAT has been awarded multiple federal grants for which Pam has been serving as team leader and, from 2005 through 2016, as Principal Investigator of a research team that includes faculty from four universities in Alaska and New York. These research projects rely on collaborative efforts with tribes in Alaska to address environmental health and justice issues. Pam is a leader in Coming Clean, a national network of groups concerned about chemicals policy reform, and in the Collaborative on Health and the Environment, an international partnership committed to strengthening the scientific and public dialogue on environmental factors linked to chronic disease and disability. She is one of the world's foremost experts concerning the toxic pesticide lindane, serving two governmental organizations (United Nations and the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation) to address international concerns about lindane. She was instrumental in prompting the 2006 decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw agricultural products containing lindane from the U.S., the 2010 decision by the same agency to phase out uses of endosulfan, and the 2011 decision by the United Nations Environment Programme to ban endosulfan worldwide under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. In 2012, she was elected as the only American on the Steering Committee for the International POPs Elimination Network. Pam is known for her work to prompt state, national, and international chemicals policy reform to protect environmental and human health in the Arctic. She was selected as a fellow for the Reach the Decision Makers program from the University of California San Francisco, Reproductive Health and Environment Program (2011); was invited to participate in an unprecedented White House Forum on Environmental Justice (2010); and selected to serve on an environmental justice advisory group for the Centers for Disease Control (2009-2010). In 2012, she received the Meritorious Service Award from the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska for her service to the community. In 2013, Pam was invited to serve on the board of directors for the Groundswell Fund. She holds a master's degree in environmental science from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1981).



**Viola (“Vi”) Waghiyi**

Environmental Health and Justice Program Director; Anchorage, Alaska

Vi is a bilingual Yupik who was born in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. Although her family moved to Nome, she grew up in both communities, traveling between Nome and the Island throughout her childhood. Vi was hired in 2002 to work in Anchorage to assist on the St. Lawrence Island environmental health and justice project. She became the Project Coordinator in 2004, which included supervising ACAT’s research staff on St. Lawrence Island. When her work expanded in 2005, Vi’s title was changed to Environmental Justice Community Coordinator. In 2009, she stepped into the position of Program Director to share responsibilities with the executive director for all of ACAT’s efforts. In 2010, she was awarded the Environmental Achievement Award in Recognition of Valuable Contributions to Environmental Excellence in Alaska by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. In 2012 leaders of Savoonga presented Vi with a certificate of appreciation “for the dedication and devoted service as an Ambassador of St. Lawrence Island for protecting our health and human rights.” She serves as a National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council member to the National Institute of Health. Vi is sought out repeatedly to speak at national and international meetings about ACAT’s work.

## **ANDREA CARMEN BIOGRAPHY**

Andrea Carmen, Yaqui Nation, has been a staff member of the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) since 1983 and IITC's Executive Director since 1992. Andrea has had many years of experience working with Indigenous communities from North, Central, South America and the Pacific. She was a founding member of the Indigenous Initiative for Peace with Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu and has participated as a human rights observer and mediator in crises situations in the US, Mexico, Canada, New Zealand and Ecuador.

Andrea has participated in many United Nations bodies addressing human rights, sustainable development, environmental justice and Indigenous Peoples, and was IITC's team leader for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 1997, she was one of two Indigenous representatives to formally address the UN General Assembly for the first time in history at the UN Earth Summit +5. Andrea has served as an advisor, board member and/or Steering Committee member for the World Council of Churches, the North American Indigenous Peoples Bio-Diversity project, First Nations Development/Eagle Staff Fund Native Food Systems Initiative, the US Human Rights Network, First Peoples World Wide and the Native America Boarding School Healing Project. She was co-coordinator for the Chickaloon Village Tribal Environmental Program, and served on the Indigenous Environmental Network National Council and the Calvert Social Investment Advisory Council. She is a co-founder of the International Indigenous Women's Environmental and Reproductive Health Initiative.

Andrea has served on international coordinating committees for several international conferences and events, including the Global Indigenous Peoples' Summit on Climate Change (April 2009, Anchorage Alaska) and the Indigenous Peoples Rio + 20 International Indigenous Peoples Conference (June 2012, Rio de Janeiro Brazil). In January 2006, Andrea was selected as an expert participant as well as the Rapporteur for the United Nations "Expert Seminar on Indigenous Peoples' Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources and their Relationship to Land" in Geneva, the first time an Indigenous woman served as Rapporteur for an UN Expert Seminar. Andrea has been an expert presenter at UN seminars and panels on Treaty rights, Development of Cultural Indicators for Indigenous Peoples addressing Biological Diversity, Indigenous Perspectives on the Millennium Development Goals, Right to Food/Food Sovereignty, Indigenous Peoples' Right to Participation in Decision-making, Indigenous Children under State Custody, Human Rights and Climate Change, and Human Rights and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. She has attended various negotiating sessions for the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the Organization of American States. In 2010 she was on the Coordinating Committee for the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues International Expert Meeting on Indigenous Children and Youth in Detention, Custody, Foster-Care and Adoption and was selected to serve as the Rapporteur reporting to the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the UNPFII. She was also co-Rapporteur for the 2<sup>nd</sup> UN Seminar on Treaties Agreement and Other Constructive Arrangements between States and Indigenous Peoples. Andrea has written chapters in 3 books about the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and chaired the North America Indigenous Peoples Coordinating Committee in preparation for the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Cancun.

From 2006 – 2009 Andrea served as the North America Region Indigenous Caucus co-coordinator, and as a North American member of the Global Indigenous Peoples Steering Committee for work on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She currently coordinates IITC's Human Rights training program and has conducted over 100 trainings and presentations for communities, Peoples, Tribes, organizations and agencies. Andrea graduated from the University of California with a Degree in Women's Studies, and was selected, as "Speaker of the Year" by People Are Speaking in San Francisco. She has three sons and two grandchildren.

***IITC was founded in South Dakota in 1974 as an international voice for Indigenous Peoples. In 1977 it was the first Indigenous organization to receive Consultative Status from the UN Economic and Social Council and in 2011 was the first to be upgraded to "General Consultative Status".***