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**CHARLES E. TRIMBLE**

PRESIDENT, RED WILLOW INSTITUTE  
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GUEST SPEAKER

HISTORY FROM SMALL PLACES

*Who's Leading  
Indian Country?*

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CHARLES E. "CHUCK" TRIMBLE, Oglala Lakota, grew up in the village of Wanblee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. He is a graduate of Red Cloud Indian School at Pine Ridge and received a bachelor of fine arts degree from The University of South Dakota. He received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at Wayne State College (Nebraska) and an honorary doctorate of cultural science degree from Creighton University in Omaha. He founded the American Indian Press Association in 1970, now the Native American Journalists Association. From 1972-1978, Chuck was executive director of the National Congress of American Indians—an organization in Washington, D.C. representing the vast majority of tribes in the U.S. He is president of the Charles Trimble Company which is dedicated to fostering economic development on American Indian reservations, president of the Red Willow Institute which provides technical and management assistance to Native American non-profit organizations, and former president of the John G. Neihardt Foundation. He also has served as president of the Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees, the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, and the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress Board of Trustees in Washington, D.C.

In 1999, he received the USD Alumni Achievement Award and was recognized in 2003 for donating his personal library to USD in response to the partnership that the University has fostered with Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, to enhance Native American college-level entrepreneurship curriculum. That same year, he donated a War Bonnet to USD to honor his great-grandniece of Chief Sitting Bull at a ceremony at the Wagner Alumni and Foundation Center. He served as Interim Director of the Institute of American Indian Studies for two years.

The Nebraska Arts Council awarded him the 2006 Heritage Award which recognizes an individual who exemplifies authenticity and excellence within a cultural tradition. Chuck Trimble has spent a lifetime promoting Great Plains history to create bridges between Native and non-Native residents of this region.