

# **Four Arrows (Wahinkpe Topa) AKA Don Trent Jacobs, PhD**

**Doctoral Faculty - School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University**  
Sequim, WA, US

Sustainability; counter-hegemonic education; social justice; contrasting Indigenous ways of knowing with Western ones

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## **Description**

Four Arrows (Wahinkpe Topa) - Don Trent Jacobs is currently a faculty member in the School of Leadership Studies at Fielding Graduate University, which ranked in 2004 as the number one doctoral granting university for American Indians. From 2001 to 2007, he was a tenured Associate Professor at Northern Arizona University. From 1998-2001 he served as Dean of the Education Department at Oglala Lakota College. (OLC is a fully accredited 4-year tribal college on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. ) He holds a PhD in health psychology (CPU) and an EdD in curriculum and instruction (BSU).

In addition to nearly 100 articles in magazines and peer-reviewed journals, he is the author of eighteen books and fourteen invited chapters about such diverse topics as Indigenous worldview; social and ecological justice; wellness; psycholinguistics; critical theory; teaching and learning; and neurophilosophy. In 2010, he published his first novel, Last Song of the Whale. This exciting and suspenseful adventure revolves around the Great Eastern Garbage Patch in the North Pacific Gyre.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Environmental Services, Political Organization, Research, Training and Development

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## **Topics**

Counter-Hegemonic Education, Peace and Justice Studies, Ecological Justice, Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Ways of Knowing

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## **Affiliations**

American Indian Congress, National Indian Education Association, Alternative Education Resource Organization

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## **Education**

**Boise State University**  
EdD Curriculum and Instruction

**Columbia Pacific University**  
PhD Health Psychology

**Golden Gate University**  
MA Health Care Administration

**Southwest Missouri State University**  
BS Economics

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## **Accomplishments**

**Moral Courage Award**  
Awarded by the Martin Springer Institute (2004)

**Top 27 Visionary Educators**  
Awarded by AERO (2014)

**Instrumental Creator of First National Marine Park**  
Four Arrows raised \$30,000 to help create the first National Marine Park No Take Zone on Mexico's Mainland Pacific Coast, Costa Alegre Santuario Marino Nacional de Arroyo Seco. (September, 2014)

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