



Wa'alupe: Yaqui Village in Phoenix Urban Sprawl

Zoom Presentation by Former Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona Chairwoman & Northern Arizona University Professor Emerita Octaviana V. Trujillo, PhD

**Tuesday Evening
November 14, 2023**

7 to 8:30 pm

Mountain Standard Time



1909 Wa'alupe family



1909 Old Wa'alupe church

Our families came to the Salt River Valley in the 1880s to labor in the agricultural fields, railroads, and mines.



1909 Old Guadalupe Yaqui Matachini Dancers

*They formed their villages on the outskirts of cities. It is how Guadalupe came to be.
We have been known to be hard workers, strong minded and of good heart.
The Tempe community knew how important we were to the growth and sustainability of their city.*



Recent photo of Wa'alupe cemetery

Some stories were only for ourselves. Many today remember Guadalupe was so far away from any city, we had so many open spaces to play and have our fiestas for baptisms, weddings, birthdays, ceremonies.

As children we listened to many stories about our families, ceremonies, village, leaders, customs and simply, way of life.



Recent aerial photo of Wa'alupe



Recent photo of Wa'alupe's two churches

There was no Interstate 10 or the largest shopping mall of Arizona. Just cotton fields, orchards, Japanese flower gardens, a small crop duster airfield and our monte near us. Many good memories of play, smells, place.

This presentation will take you to the beginning of our village, now our cemetery. Our relatives began by building their humble homes with material native to the area and familiar to them: mesquite, carrizo, ironwood, and adobe. Most importantly they built the church and named it Our Lady of Guadalupe. Soon after they began their ceremonies, with all the religious dance and rituals. The move to the present location brought many changes to the lives of the founding families, yet they persisted and again reconstructed their church. Every day, year, and decade is filled with wonderful memories of our families, fiestas, church, school, work, ceremonies, and departed love ones. Guadalupe is still here, it has persisted and flourished during the most challenging times; the people will make sure it endures.

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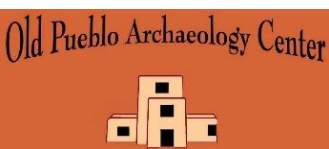
Octaviana V. Trujillo (Yaqui), PhD, is founding Chair and Professor Emerita in the Department of Applied Indigenous Studies at Northern Arizona University, and former Chairwoman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona.

Dr. Trujillo is the 2021 American Educational Research Association, Indigenous Peoples of the Americas Research awardee for outstanding scholarship and currently is a Soros Equality Fellow. She is advisory board member to Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras, the mission is to affirm the rights of Indigenous Peoples, their right to self-determination, their collective human and civil rights, the rights of sovereignty and the protection of sacred sites, and the free unrestricted movement across international border.

A primary focus of her work now has been developing programs that provide the use of her academic and human rights advocacy training to Indigenous communities regionally and globally. Dr. Trujillo's international experience includes the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, EPA Governmental Advisory Committee (which helps to shape U.S. policies intended to improve environmental and health conditions of the United States, Canada, and Mexico) and Global Diversity Foundation (which promotes agricultural, biological and cultural diversity around the world through research, training and social action).

She was appointed by President Obama to serve as a member to the Joint Public Advisory Committee for the governing Council of the trilateral North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation.

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