

MIDWEST CLIMATE ADAPTATION  
SCIENCE CENTER

# TRIBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE LIAISONS

The Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center has two Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons: Sara Smith and Ally Scott. They are based out of the College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute. Smith and Scott work to facilitate stronger relationships between Tribes, climate researchers, state and federal organizations, academic institutions, and the MW CASC. In addition, they work with Tribes to build capacity and provide support by assisting with climate resilience efforts.

## National Network

The mission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience is to enable climate preparedness and resilience across all Indian Affairs programs and for all Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Alaska Native villages through technical and financial assistance, access to scientific resources, and educational opportunities.

There is a national network of Tribal climate resilience liaisons partnered with USGS Climate Adaptation Science Centers. These liaisons offer technical assistance and serve as extension agents, facilitating research, linking Tribal needs to available resources, and coordinating trainings, workshops, forums, and exchanges.

# About Sara Smith

Sara Smith is a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and is the Tribal Resilience Liaison associated with the Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center.

Sara holds a Master of Science in Ecology from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and an undergraduate degree in Biology and First Nation Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

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A portrait of Sara Smith, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat with sunglasses perched on top. She is outdoors in a natural setting with dry grass and rocks. The photo is framed in a hexagonal shape.

**Sara Smith**

# About Ally Scott

Ally Scott is the Deputy Tribal Resilience Liaison with the Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center.

Ally holds a Master of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Conservation from Virginia Tech. For her master's thesis, Ally worked closely with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission to study potential sources of prey limitation for Waabizheshi (American marten) and developed a strong interest in the implications of climate change for Tribal communities.

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A portrait of Ally Scott, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a white top. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting. The photo is framed in a hexagonal shape.

**Ally Scott**