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Gregory Cajete, Native American educator whose work is dedicated to honoring the foundations of indigenous knowledge in education. Dr. Cajete is a Tewa Indian from Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico. He has lectured at colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Italy, Japan, Russia, Taiwan, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, England, France and Germany. He worked at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico for 21 years. While at the Institute, he served as Dean of the Center for Research and Cultural Exchange, Chair of Native American Studies and Professor of ethno-science. He is the former Director of Native American Studies and an emeritus Professor in

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“Critical Neurophilosophy and Indigenous Wisdom” (Don Jacobs (Four Arrows), Gregory Cajete and Jongmin Lee) Sense Publishers, 2010. “Indigenous Community: Rekindling Teachings of the Seventh Fire,” Living Justice Press, 2015. Published (Spring2020): Native Minds Rising: Exploring Transformative Indigenous Education and Sacred Journeys: Personal Visions of Indigenous Education (John Charlton Publishers Ltd.). Dr. Cajete also has chapters in 37 other books along with numerous articles and over 300 national and international presentations.