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Dan Longboat “Roronhiake:wen...He Clears the Sky”, Turtle Clan of the Mohawk Nation, a Citizen of the Haudenosaunee; The Six Nations Confederacy from Ohswe:ken, at the Grand River Territory. Longboat earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Native Studies, with an interest in Psychology from Trent University. He received with distinction, a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from York University, he recently completed his Ph.D. in Environmental Studies, through the Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University, in Toronto.

Longboat's strong commitment to Indigenous communities is evident in his involvement as a Director for the Rotinohson:ni Language Development Centre, Director of The Indigenous Nation's Sanctioned Research Program for Graduate Studies, Consultant to The Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation on First Nations Solid Waste Management and as Project Evaluator for the Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment for the US Environmental Protection Agency and is on the Advisory Board for the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario and the Science Advisory for the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes Watershed.

As a life long learner, Longboat strongly encourages study with Elders and Traditional People. He recognizes the critical importance of language learning and support for culturally based programs. He encourages youth to participate in the Longhouse and in their Nation and Confederacy governments, to support and assist the Hereditary Leaders and Traditional Peoples in the Communities. He believes direct involvement and active participation through working together and using a "Good Mind", to be a major part of our responsibilities as Haudenosaunee.

Dr. Longboat is currently Director of the Indigenous Environmental Studies Department at Trent University and a faculty member with First Nations Technical Institute "Indigenous Community Health Approaches" program.