

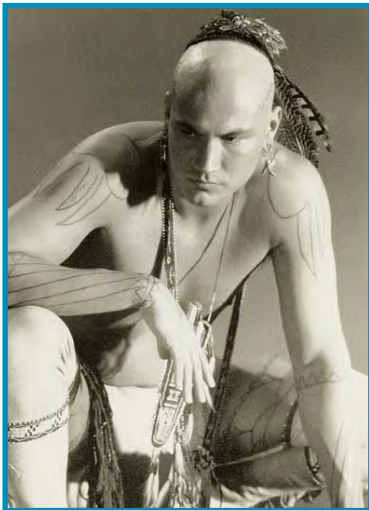
# Gary "Litefoot" Davis



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**Gary "Litefoot" Davis** is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. He is an award winning actor, the first Native American rap artist, an author and podcaster, founder and publisher of *Native Business Magazine*, CEO of the *Davis Strategy Group* consulting firm, Executive Director of the *Native American Financial Services Association (NAFSA)* and a member of the *Forbes Finance Council* and *Seattle International Film Festival*.



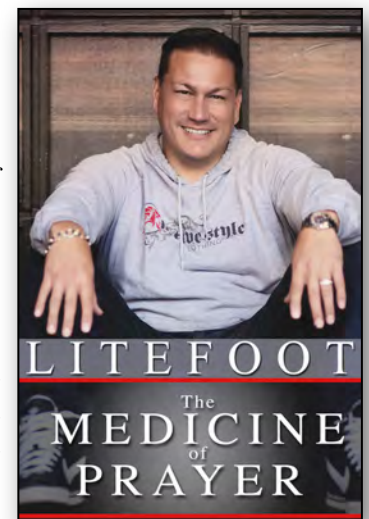
Gary, and his wife Carmen Davis, own *Native Business Magazine*, a digital media company aimed at promoting, inspiring and advancing Native American business, entrepreneurship and economic development. *Native Business* publishes its content online at [nativebusinessmag.com](http://nativebusinessmag.com), via its App (available via the Apple App and Google Play Stores), the *Native Business Podcast*, and *Native Business Videos*. Gary and Carmen also produce the annual *Native Business Summit*.

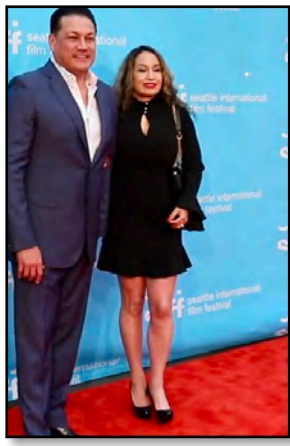
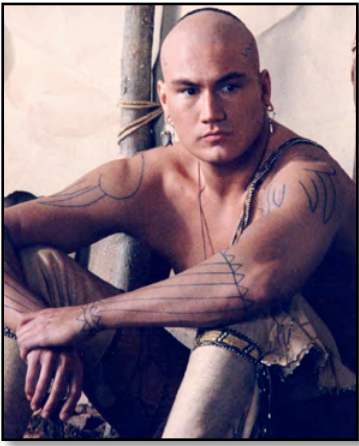
Before being appointed as Executive Director of NAFSA, Mr. Davis served as President and CEO of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) and was a member of the NCAIED's Board of Directors. He has served as Vice-President of Native Affairs for the Triple Five Group, owners of the world's largest retail shopping malls; the Mall of America and the West Edmonton Mall. Mr. Davis regularly advocates for Tribal sovereignty and economic development in Washington, D.C. and has twice testified before Congress.

Mr. Davis has accomplished much in the arts under his moniker "Litefoot". He has had starring roles in several feature films such as, *"The Indian in The Cupboard"*, *"Kull, The Conqueror"*, *"Adaptation"*, *"Mortal Kombat II"*, *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha"* and *John Steinbeck's, "The Pearl"* and appeared on television programs and television programs such as, *House of Cards*, *CSI: Miami*, *Family Law* and *Any Day Now*. Litefoot began his career as the first Native American rap artist and has recorded 14 studio albums and headlined his own hip hop tours performing to tens of thousands of Native people on reservations across North America. Mr. Davis produces his own podcast entitled, *"The Litefoot Show"* and is self publishing his second book, *"Reclaim Your Narrative"*.

Mr. Davis motivates audiences nationwide as a public speaker. He has provided hundreds of keynotes and business trainings for corporations and tribes. He has also lectured at a variety of colleges and universities including Virginia Tech, University of Wyoming, University of Wisconsin, University of North Carolina and University of Oregon. He has been a featured speaker for corporations and organizations including Amazon, PNC Bank, Sodexo, the FDIC, the United States Navy and the United States Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency.

Mr. Davis was recently chosen by Scholastic, Inc. to appear in their upcoming children's book, *"Native American Heroes"*.





## Film

- **The Indian in the Cupboard**  
Little Bear/Lead Actor, Dir: Frank Oz (Paramount Pictures)
- **Mortal Kombat Annihilation**  
Nightwolf/Lead Actor, Dir: Jon Leonetti (New Line Cinema)
- **Kull the Conqueror** Ascalante/Lead Actor, Dir: John Nicollela (Universal Pictures)
- **Adaptation** Russell/Supporting Actor, Dir: Spike Jonze (Columbia Pictures)
- **29 Palms** Warrior #1/Lead Actor, Dir: Leonardo Ricagni (Artisan)
- **The Song of Hiawatha**  
Hiawatha/Lead Actor, Dir: Jeff Shore (Hallmark Entertainment)
- **The Pearl** Juan Tomas/Lead Actor, Dir: Alfredo Zacharias (Independent)
- **The Picture of Priority** Angel Whitecloud/Lead Actor, Dir: Mick Mapelli (Independent)

## Television

- **House of Cards** (Netflix)
- **Any Day Now, "No More, Forever"** (Lifetime Network)
- **Family Law, "Americans"** (CBS)
- **Any Day Now, "The Real Thing"** (Lifetime Network)
- **CSI: Miami, "Slow Burn"** (CBS)

## Books

- **Reclaim Your Narrative** (2020)
- **Medicine of Prayer** (2010)

## Awards – Film & Music

- First Americans in the Arts **Outstanding Performance** (Indian in the Cupboard) 1995
- American Indian Film Institute - **Best Actor** (Indian in the Cupboard) 1996
- First Americans in the Arts **Outstanding Performance** (Kull the Conqueror) 1997
- Native American Music Awards- **Best Rap Album** (Good Day To Die) 1998
- Native American Music Awards- **Best Rap/Hip Hop Album** (The Life & Times) 1999
- Native American Music Awards- **Best Rap/Hip Hop Album** (Rez Affiliated) 2000
- Native American Music Awards- **Best Rap/Hip Hop Album** (Tribal Boogie) 2002
- Native American Music Awards- **Best Male Artist** (The Messenger) 2003
- Native American Music Awards- **Artist of The Year** (Native American Me) 2004
- Indian Summer Music Awards - **Best Rap Album** (Native American Me) 2004
- Indian Summer Music Awards - **Best Rap Album** (Redvolution) 2005

## Recognitions & Appointments

- **National Director of the Year Award** Awarded by the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency
- **Minority Business Champion** Awarded by Minority Business News USA
- **Minorities in Energy Ambassador** Appointed by the United States Department of Energy
- **Seven Star Award Winner** Awarded by the Cherokee Nation Historical Society for accomplishments in music, acting and business
- **Council on Underserved Communities** Appointed by United States Small Business Administration

## Recent Appearances:

- Dept. of Energy's National Tribal Energy Summit
- Amazon
- PNC Bank
- Cherokee Nation - Annual Gathering
- U.S. Navy - NAVAIR