

# **2016 NCWIT Summit – “Net-neutrality, Broadband Access, and Unlicensed Spectrums: Connecting the Unserved and Underserved” Mini Plenary by Matthew Rantanen**

Rantanen is at the forefront of rural access, working on all aspects of this issue – policy, construction, and training. He will discuss the need for better network access on reservations generally, and how several reservations in Southern California were able to build their own wireless networks using unlicensed spectrum and the power of the sun. This success has inspired others, including in Idaho, to take similar approaches to ensure modern connectivity. Rantanen will also discuss the importance of unlicensed spectrum to ensure that underserved communities can build the networks they need without having to ask for permission.