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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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There are many beautiful and sacred ways to honor achievement in our tribal cultures. For the past 8 years, Native Studies, the CICSC and the Office of the Tribal Liaison at CSUSM have made a special effort to celebrate our American Indian and Alaska Native college graduates. At the CICSC, we

implemented a "hooding" ceremony at which we ask tribal leaders to help us bestow handcrafted Pendleton stoles upon our graduates; the graduates wear the stoles over their robes as they walk in the campus-wide graduation ceremony to distinguish themselves as American Indian/Alaska Native among the multitude of other graduates.

On May 8th we will celebrate and honor our graduating Class of 2015 by "hooding" each of them with this trademark of achievement, recognition, and honor. The effort, commitment, and hard work that our students dedicate to their journey through higher education is a reflection of not only individual strength and determination, but also of the support from each student's kinship network that quietly provides motivation from their home communities.

As the graduating class prepares to leave CSUSM and embark on new and even greater life adventures, I like to remind them that their achievement is made possible by the work of their ancestors that fought for their rights to be here; and we owe our ancestors a debt that can only be paid by our own tireless work and commitment to uphold tribal sovereignty by being good stewards of the land, good stewards of our individual tribal communities, and good stewards of our world.

Please join me in congratulating our CSUSM American Indian Graduating Class of 2015!

Joely Proudfit, Ph.D. (Luiseño)
Director, CICSC

2015 AISA CALENDAR
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PLACE ORDER

ROOTED IN CULTURE,
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Student Highlight

Ernestina Martinez

Ernestina "Tina" Martinez is a member of the Navajo Nation (Diné) and will be graduating this month with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. She is currently the Chairwoman of the American Indian Student Alliance at CSUSM. Tina is the first in her family to attend and graduate college and is a role model to her nieces and nephews. Her parents have been



Photo by Rachel Fawn Kolb

one of the most positive influences in her life. Her parents have raised her to have respect for others and they have pushed her to reach her goals. Tina has many ideas as to what she would like to do in the future. She would like to be an Investigative War journalist or go into law. Tina is thankful for the help she has received from the CICSC. The Center has helped her with getting out of her comfort zone by getting involved with campus life and the community. We, at the CICSC, are very proud of Tina's accomplishments and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

Megan Doughty
CICSC Creative Director

Guest Speakers

John Gibbs

Monday, April 6th, 2015



John Gibbs (Meskwaki/Sac and Fox/Ponca) grew up in Cushing, OK. After graduating high school and pursuing a college degree in Tahlequah, OK, he moved to Albuquerque, NM. In 2005, John booked his first acting job. He was cast as an extra in TNT's *Into the West*. He has also been casted in other films, short films and TV series such as: *Terminator Salvation*, *Running Deer*, *Tiger Eyes*, *Salem*, *Longmire* and *Ridiculous 6*. John also works as a model for Cochiti

Pueblo fashion designer Virgil Ortiz for his "Indigene" clothing line. John was able to join Dr. Proudfit's "Imagining Indians: American Indian, Media, Film and Society" class via Skype to engage with students by providing them with his experience about being an American Indian Actor in Hollywood.

Raffdazzel "Raffie" John (Oneida)
CICSC Student Assistant

Ruben Chato Hinajosa, Bella King, Randy Vasquez

Monday, April 27th, 2015



Three amazing guest speakers sparked interesting dialogues in Dr. Proudfit's "Imagining Indians: American Indians in Mass Media, Film and Society" class. The students had the pleasure of meeting and discussing current topics with Young Writer, Director, and Actress Bella King; Artist, Author, Actor and Screen Actors

Guild Board Member (Native American Task Force) Ruben CHATO Hinajosa; and Director, Producer, and Actor Randy Vasquez. They took the time out of their busy schedules to support higher education and the CICSC. They were able to provide different perspectives about film and art. Projects from the guest speakers were also shown in class. [Photos Link](#)

Megan Doughty
CICSC Creative Director

Events

KOCT: Journalist Roundtable

Thursday, April 2nd, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit was invited to be a guest on KOCT's Journalist Roundtable program on Thursday night, April 2nd. The host for the program was former editor for the North County Times, Kent Davy and he was joined by two well-known journalists: Alison St. John of KPBS and Logan Jenkins of San Diego Union-Tribune.



Dr. Proudfit was given the opportunity to speak about the California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center and its mission to connect the campus community to tribal communities and the research to maintain tribal culture and sovereignty. Other topics discussed were the annual San Diego American Indian Film Festival, Native Studies minor at CSUSM, the American Indian student enrollment at CSUSM, and creating a campus environment that is welcoming to American Indian students. Please [view the video on Vimeo](#). Dr. Proudfit's interview begins at 40:00 minute mark.

Dancy Turner (Luiseño)
CICSC Student Assistant

Dolores Huerta

Transnational Labor: A Struggle Within The Struggle

Wednesday, April 8th, 2015



Photo by CSUSM Arts & Lecture

CSUSM students, faculty, staff and community members gathered together to listen to a two-time US Presidential Award recipient and Medal of Freedom Award winner Dolores Huerta. She discussed her journey on working as a community organizer and social justice activist. Dolores talked about her time working and co-founding the United Farm

Workers with Cesar Chavez. She is one of the most influential Latinas in the U.S. and is continuing to work with the community leaders to advocate for the immigrants, women and youth through her work with the Dolores Huerta Foundation. Both the CICSC and Native Studies Program co-sponsored the event.

Ernestina Martinez (Navajo)

CICSC Student Assistant

Report to Tribal Nations

Partnering with Tribes to Boost Native American Student Success

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

Built on the land of the Luiseño Indians, CSUSM is proud of its impressive history of engagement and partnership with the local American Indian population. At her fourth annual Report to Tribal Nations on April 9 at Harrah's Resort Southern California, Cal State San Marcos President Karen Haynes provided an update to regional tribal leaders, emphasizing the progress the University has made in recruiting, retaining and graduating American Indian students.

Although American Indian students have some of the lowest college matriculation rates and highest high school dropout rates in the country, CSUSM has made reversing these numbers a priority and, through purposive efforts, is making significant progress.



"Back in 2004 when I first arrived, I acted quickly to honor our campus's Native American heritage by dramatically strengthening ties to our region's tribal communities," remarked Haynes. "Representatives from your communities responded in kind. Together we can be thankful for some remarkable successes." [Read more...](#)

President Haynes' full [2015 Report to Tribal Nations](#) can be read online.

Margaret Chantung
Director of CSUSM Office of Communications

Golf Tournament to Benefit the CICSC

Friday, April 10th, 2015



On April 10th, Tribal leaders, professional athletes, actors, CSU Alumni and others gathered on a beautiful Friday morning to participate in the CICSC Golf Tournament hosted by the Pechanga Development Corporation. American Indian Student Alliance council

members were also present to help assist and coordinate the event. The participation, support and donations that this event produced directly goes into promoting higher education and provides valuable resources that will greatly benefit students in their pursuit of their educational goals. CICSC and AISA would like to thank those that participated and assisted in making this event such a success. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated and valued through local communities, students and staff. [Photos Link](#)

Marjon Pino (Navajo)
CICSC Student Assistant

Tukwut Leadership Circle Graduate Reception

Friday, April 17th, 2015

Ernestina Martinez (Diné) will be graduating from CSUSM this spring. In addition to being a student-researcher at the CICSC, Ernestina has served on the American Indian Student Alliance for the past two years. She is a dedicated and passionate young woman who truly cares about making a positive difference in her community. This past semester, in addition to fulfilling her other volunteer positions, Ernestina joined CSUSM's Tukwut Leadership Circle (TLC). Students in TLC worked with developmentally disabled adults to create a 48 x 12 foot wall mural on canvas. TLC students literally worked



hand-in-hand with the clients from Mountain Shadow, an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, to paint the mural. "We got to see and learn how disabled and special needs people, many in wheelchairs, thoroughly enjoyed working on creative community activities as we helped them with the mural," said Ernestina. "We worked closely with Joanne Tawfilis, Co-Founder of the Arts Miles Mural Project and UNESCO. We also

worked with the talented artist/Peace Paint Ambassador Cecilia Linayo who hand drew and sketched out the entire mural." Ernestina and her peers broke a community service record by averaging more than 35 service hours per student this semester. TLC members received special recognition from UNESCO and were celebrated on Friday, April 17, 2015 with a special luncheon to recognize their achievement. Join me in thanking Ernestina for her community service and outreach on such a heart-warming and special project. [Photos Link](#)

Theresa Gregor, Ph.D. (Iipay)
CICSC Research Associate

Native American Job Fair

Saturday, April 18th, 2015



On April 18th, American Indian Student Alliance members and CICSC student assistants were present in San Marcos, CA, to promote higher education and vital resources at the 2015 Native American Career Fair. This event was sponsored by Nativehire.org and produced an abundance of opportunities for those looking for assistance in

gaining employment. Workshops and lectures were implemented to help with resumes, networking, job leads and interview techniques. Vendors and employers from other organization were able to provide those that attended with crucial knowledge and opportunities to gain employment with their respective fields. "The event was a huge success. Not only did I gain critical employment skills, I left the event with employment opportunities I would never have gotten had I not attended this wonderful event."

Marjon Pino (Navajo)
CICSC Student Assistant

AI Higher Education Data Sharing Meeting

April 19th-20th, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit attended the American Indian Higher Education Data Sharing Meeting hosted by the National Indian Education Association and the American Indian Graduate Center in Denver, CO. The purpose of the convening was to bring together tribes, scholarship organizations and universities/colleges to discuss



solutions for improving the collection, sharing, and use of data and information about Native students attending post-secondary institutions. The main objective for the meeting was to identify key solutions that address data challenges and engage education stakeholders in a collective effort on Native student access and success.

Understanding Jurisdiction on Tribal Lands

April 22nd-23rd, 2015

The Law Enforcement Certificate Program's first training course, *Understanding Jurisdiction on Tribal Lands: A User-Friendly PL-280 Course*, was generously sponsored by the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians and the Verizon Foundation. The 2-day training took place at the Rincon Tribal Hall on April 22nd through



23rd. The course was attended by a diverse group of individuals. Instructors covered important topics, such as, tribal sovereignty, domestic violence and tribal protection orders, the evolution of criminal jurisdiction on tribal lands, public safety issues and practical understanding of the federal mandate for state criminal jurisdiction on tribal lands (PL 83-280).

There was little time to be bored during this training as questions, discussions and scenario workgroups involved active participation from all who attended. The CICSC's primary goal through this course was to help all attendees increase their understanding of the convoluted federal, state and tribal jurisdiction that exists on today's tribal lands. A survey from the participants indicated we hit our mark! For information on upcoming classes or for requesting a training at your location, visit the [CICSC certificates website](#).

Cindy Pierce
CICSC Program Instructor

Self-Determination and Tribal Sovereignty:

The Lasting Impact of the Nixon Administration

Saturday, April 25th, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit attended the American Indian Conference at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA. The conference brought together scholars, decision makers and leaders of the American Indian community to discuss the impact of the Nixon administration's policies on self-determination and tribal sovereignty.

Dr. Proudfit attended the conference and visited dear friends of the CICSC, LaDonna Harris (Comanche) and Edward D. Castillo (Cahuilla/Luiseño).



Edward Castillo gave a riveting personal account of the first few weeks and months during the occupation of Alcatraz. Native historian and scholar, Dr. Donald Fixico closed the session with a fascinating PowerPoint. Thank you to our colleagues and peers at UC Riverside and CSU San Bernardino for co-sponsoring the event at the Nixon library.

Videos of the entire conference can be viewed on the [Richard Nixon Library Youtube](#) channel.

*Michael Murphy (Luiseño)
CICSC Student Volunteer*

Standing up to Stereotypes:

Maya Goodblanket is part of a poster campaign about cultural appropriation

Saturday, April 25th, 2015



Maya Goodblanket (Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), one of our own at the CICSC, was interviewed by Nina Garin of the San Diego Union-Tribune. Maya is featured in the "Beyond the Stereotype" poster series which are currently on exhibition at the CSUSM

library. In the article, Maya was able to explain why the poster series is important as well as answer the many questions posed by Nina Garin. We are very proud of Maya and thank her for spreading the message of "Beyond the Stereotype." [Read the full article](#) on the UT-San Diego website.

*Megan Doughty
CICSC Creative Director*

The Doctrine of Discovery:

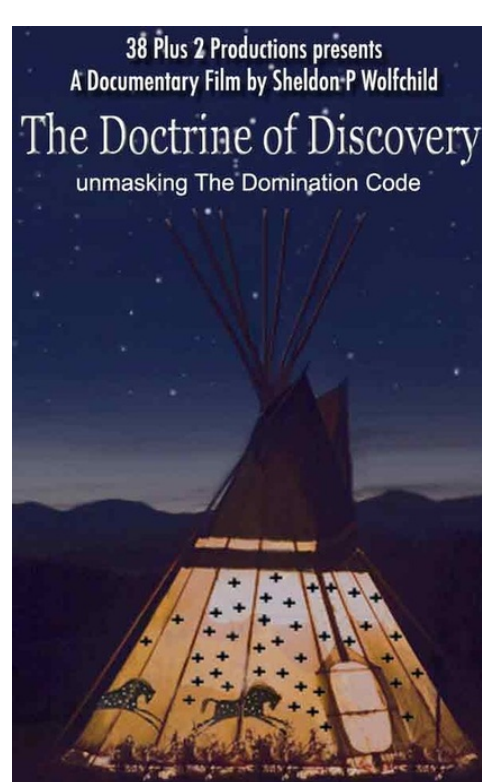
Unmasking the Domination Code

Tuesday, April 28th, 2015

The CICSC was invited to attend a special preview of the new documentary, [The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code](#), directed by Sheldon Wolfchild (Dakota) and Co-Produced by Steven Newcomb (Shawnee, Lenape). The documentary is based on Newcomb's book, *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Discovery* (2008). Newcomb's work involves a legal and historical analysis of the doctrine of discovery based on Christian narratives about the "chosen people" and the quest to find and conquer "the promised land." The film delivers a decolonizing historical perspective about the imperial conquest of the

Americas and the legal legacy that American Indians, First Nations, and other Original Peoples continue to battle today. Newcomb is the co-founder with Birgill Kills Straight (Oglala Lakota) of the Indigenous Law Institute, he is the education coordinator for the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians, and he is a regular contributor to Indian Country Today Media Network. The film was screened at the beautiful Starlight Showroom at the Sycuan Casino.

Theresa Gregor, Ph.D. (lipay)
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