



CICSC Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR!

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We here at the CICSC are settling in for another event-filled semester. Center staff and student workers are currently working on tech-based, accessible resources for our native communities



Dr. Joely Proudfit with native filmmaker Chris Eyre

in the form of apps that will allow anyone to see/contact centers that offer resources to our communities. Stay tuned for our app release dates! At CSUSM, the American Indian Studies department continues to thrive, with an ever-increasing number of students enrolled in our AIS classes. The department has succeeded with the efforts of our excellent and distinguished faculty and staff.

We will also remain active in supporting the fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline, and will continue to stand with Standing Rock through this fight. The center has been, and will be, a donation center to help the #NoDAPL cause. We ask that donations going forward are made to the Standing Rock's legal funds. To stand in solidarity with our communities, the center is looking forward to hosting a number of events, screenings, and panels to raise awareness and highlight the ways in which people can help.

I look forward to a great semester!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



November 16th-18th
5th Annual California's
American Indian &
Indigenous Film Festival
Hosted by the CICSC

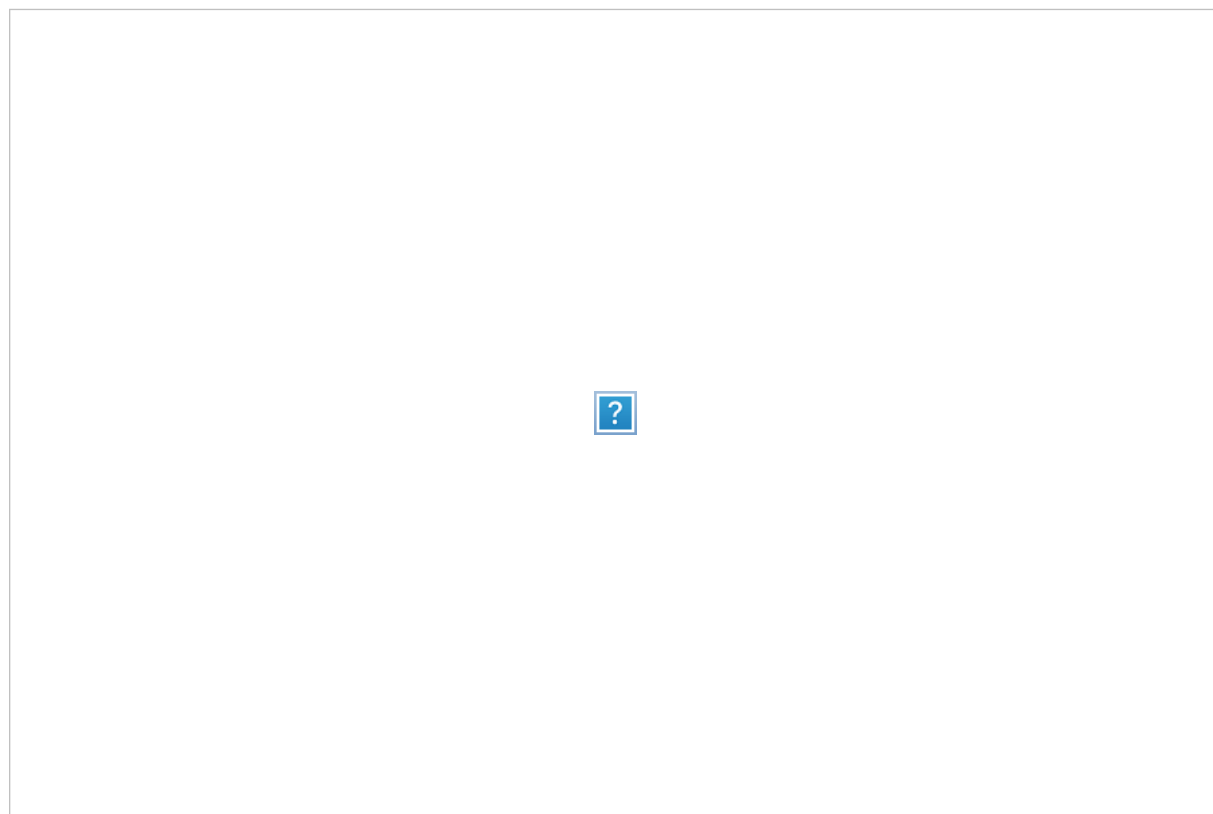
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Student Highlight

Makayla Murillo



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Makayla Murillo is an Anthropology major at CSUSM. She comes from the San Luis Rey Band of Luiseño Indians, known as Payomkawichum ("The People of the West") in the Luiseño language. Makayla's friends and colleagues describe her as supportive, strong-willed, and independent. Her main role models have been her mother and paternal grandmother. She says that they have been independent and empowering women who have made positive influences on her life. She would also like to take the opportunity to thank her faculty mentors. Joely Proudfit has been an inspiring voice for native students, while Bonnie Bade has offered Makayla educational advice and support with family hardships. Laurette McGuire has also been an inspiring educator for Makayla in her two years at CSUSM. Makayla is most proud of her commitment to being a first generation college student and hopes to inspire others in her family and in future generations to achieve an education. Through family hardships, Makayla has developed an outlook on life that inspires her to be patient and kind. In her spare time, Makayla enjoys inspirational reads and doing arts and crafts. She makes her own customs crafts, including organic soaps and has generously donated her time and resources to helping AISA fundraise with her hand-crafted products. She currently works as an archaeologist with Dudek Environmental and has plans to be more active in American Indian politics. She hopes to eventually receive her master's. Makayla values her

opportunity to get an education. See sees education as a powerful tool that provokes thought and respectful discourse among diverse people. As an anthropology major and as a native student, Makayla places great value on understanding culture. "Knowing the history your culture will help you understand more about politics today."

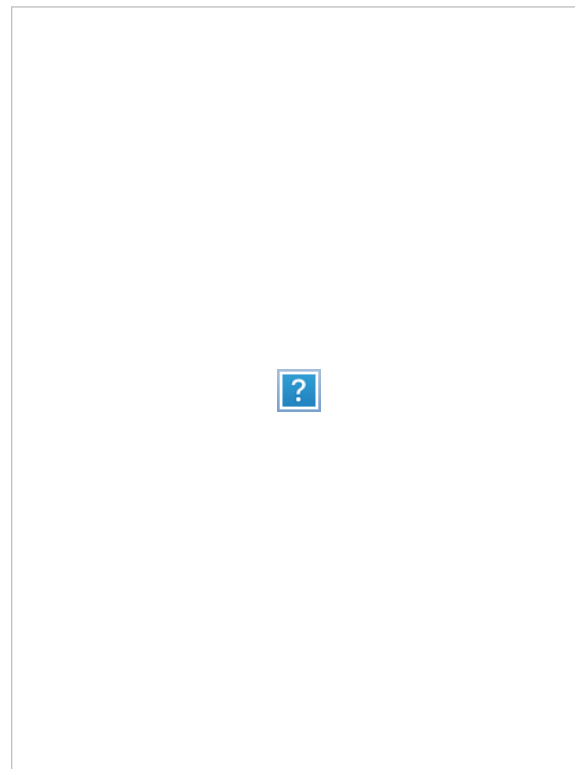
Makayla recognizes the various challenges that native students face, and gives recognition to the CICSC for offering a space where students can connect and seek advise. She appreciates the fact that he is surrounded with students and staff that share similar thoughts and ideas. Even though she has met natives form different nations, tribes, bands, and clans, the center allows for collaboration and community-building.

Emilee Ramirez

CICSC Graduate Student Researcher

American Indian Studies

Amrah Saloman Johnson



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Amrah Salomon J. is a poet, activist, and educator of Mexican, Native American (Pima/Akimel O'odham descendant, not enrolled), and European ancestry. Her work has been published in both academic and literary publications. She provides facilitation, workshops, and strategic consultation for community organizations, non-profits, unions, youth, and activists in the U.S. and abroad. Amrah received an M.A. in Ethnic Studies in 2014 and is currently finishing her PhD in Ethnic Studies at the University of California, San Diego (ABD 2015). She has taught courses in Ethnic

Studies, Border Studies, Chicano/a Studies, and Native American Studies. Her research interests include Art and Media in Social Movements, Autonomy, Border Studies, Chicana/Latina Feminism, Colonialism, Decolonization, Education and Pedagogy, Indigenous Studies, Land, Mexican and Latin American Politics, Movement and Belonging, Native Feminism, Non-Western and Indigenous Political Thought, Popular Culture, Social Justice Organizing Practices, and Women of Color Feminism.

American Indian Student Alliance

AISA Meetings



AISA at the 2016 Heritage Day/ Standing Rock Rally

The American Indian Student Alliance meets every Tuesday at U-hour (noon) at the CICSC in SBSB 1118. This semester, AISA plans on coordinating more events with our native communities. We will be outreaching to youth programs by offering to facilitate field trips and events to get students interested in postsecondary education. We will also be planning fun events for the campus community, including movie screenings, game nights, and fundraisers. Please join us for a fun filled semester!

Laila Basquez
AISA Chairwoman

Events

Documentary: "Standing Rock" Parts I & II



Date: March 6th, 2017

When: 5:30 p.m.

Where: CSUSM Art Building, Rm. 240

Price: FREE (first come, first served)

This two-part documentary is part of Viceland's series, "Rise." These episodes showcase the struggles faced by Native youth and #NoDAPL water protectors at the front lines of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The screenings will be followed by a Q&A with director Michelle Latimer. Michelle Latimer is a Métis/Algonquin filmmaker, actor, and curator who grew up in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Although she wasn't exposed to a lot of art when she was a child (the first time Michelle saw a play was when she was 16 years old), being creative was always a part of her identity. Latimer's approach to filmmaking is fluid and attentive. Her openness to outside influences and her ability to recognize what the story demands means that she will never be boxed in to one genre.

San Manuel Visit

SAN  **MANUEL**
BAND OF **MISSION INDIANS**

On February 7th, representatives of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians paid a visit to the CICSC. San Manuel has been the biggest contributor to the center and plays a pinnacle role in keeping our doors open. Students of the American Indian Student Alliance and

student workers at the CICSC shared lunch with the representatives and expressed their immense gratitude for the tribe's generosity. Director Joely Proudfit also showcased to them the "thank you" video that the students put together for the tribe.

Thank you to the San Manuel Band for keeping our center open!

Community Resources Apps

AISA member and geography student Patricia de la Mata, along with StanLee Maslonka, have been working with the CICSC to create community resource apps based on research done by the center. They have developed a series of online questionnaires that deal with centers geared towards providing native communities with various educational and health resources. These surveys, combined with the CICSC RedBook will help not only log all of the information in a database, but will also help future advocates for native American students to add their own information. All of the information collected through the questionnaires will then be processed through an app, N.E.R.D. (Native Education Resource Directory), that will allow Native American students to locate the closest centers to them and will correspond to their grade level. Patricia and StanLee are also working on another questionnaire and app associated with the AIS department's class, "Native American Women and Activism". This app is going to help give geographic locations and information on resources such as rehabs, shelters, and other places that offer guidance and resources to the Native American Community here in California.

Sundance Film Festival



Dr. Joely Proudfit and Chris Eyre at the Sundance Film Festival

The CICSC and its associated California American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival (CAIIF) were well represented at the Sundance Film Festival this past January. In attendance were two of the board members of the CAIIF, CICSC director Dr. Joely Proudfit and filmmaker Chris Eyre. Native films/film makers were a highlight of Sundance this year, with the premiere of Michelle Latimer's Standing Rock documentary. Chairman Dave Archambault and Shailene Woodley were also guest speakers at the festival this year.

#RocktheVote Video Winners

Members of American Indian Student Alliance and the staff at the CICSC entered a video contest hosted by the non-profit organization PUVBLIC, in cooperation with socially conscious celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio. The #RocktheVote campaign urged students to

exercise their civic duties and vote in the election. Our submission was awarded with a first place prize!

Watch our video [here](#).

Order Your 2016 CAIIFF T-Shirt Today

Be sure to order your limited 2016 California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival T-shirt! Artwork and design created by Kiowa Artist Steven Paul Judd.

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