The new year is fast approaching and although we are looking forward to the exciting new year, we would like to take a moment to thank our donors, partners and event attendees for making 2015 a great success. We recently concluded the 3rd Annual California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival. Although we have had to change the film festival name, we believe it will only lead to greater opportunities. We are pleased to announce that this year's attendance increased 300%. We hope to have continued and greater success next year in bringing you the best of American Indian & Indigenous film. I would like to also thank the CICSC staff, student workers, and volunteers for their tireless efforts in helping with running the center and its events. We are all a part of the CICSC accomplishments. Stay tuned for exciting developments in the new year.

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

October Events & Conferences

Tonantzin Carmelo

Monday, October 5th, 2015

Tonantzin Carmelo came to my Imagining Indian's class. She was a very easy person to talk to, and very open-minded to the questions that we were asking her. For example, one asked if she ever had a role that hadn't to do with her race. She replied back saying that...
On October 8, 2015 from 12-1:30, CICSC Director and AIS Department Chair Dr. Joely Proudfit; CSUSM Tribal Liaison Tishmall Turner; and current student and council-member of the American Indian Student Alliance Michael Murphy participated in a panel for Conversations That Matter: Building Cultural Awareness About American Indian Protocols and Best Practices for Serving American Indian Students. It was a workshop intended for faculty, staff and students. They provided a general discussion about myths, facts, tribal sovereignty, cultural identity, and challenges that will help better serve American Indian and Alaskan Native (AIAN) students at CSUSM. The event was sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Educational Equity & Inclusion & Ombud Services, in partnership with The California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center.

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Indigenous Peoples Day

Monday, October 12th, 2015

The CICSC staff, CSUSM Office of the Tribal Liaison and the CSUSM American Indian Student Alliance acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Day by wearing "Native Americans Discovered Columbus" t-shirts. The t-shirts helped spark conversation.
Debora Morton, Tishmall Turner, Theresa Gregor, Joely Proudfit, Laila Basquez, Ernestina Martinez, Cabrini Luna

NIEA 2015 Convention & Tradeshow
Thursday, October 15th, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit and Dr. Theresa Gregor presented two workshops. The first workshop was titled "How to Create Your State's State of AIAN Education Annual Report." This workshop provided participants with the tools and practices necessary to develop a report on the state of AIAN education in their home state. The second workshop was titled "Invitation to Help Build a 21st Century AIS Department/Major at a Public University." This forum was an invitation to all AIS scholars, educators, and community leaders to participate and share their vision, ideas, pedagogy, and methodology about how to build a 21st century AIS department and major that supports the needs of tribal communities at a public university.

NCAI 72nd Annual Convention & Marketplace
Tuesday, October 20th, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit was invited to participate on the panel for higher education. The session explored the role that higher education plays in our tribal communities and how tribal colleges and universities are responding to the education, training, and cultural needs of Native students and communities. The history of higher education in tribal and non-tribal systems were discussed, compared, and contrasted, to provide a foundational perspective of the future and vision for higher education for Indian Country. Dr. Proudfit presented on the results of the State of American Indian Alaskan Native Education in California report.

ImagineNATIVE
October 16th-18th, 2015

Dr. Joely Proudfit and Tishmall Turner attended ImagineNATIVE 2015 in Toronto, Canada. They were able to meet filmmakers, directors, writers, and actors during their time there. They also were able to gather information in order to have fresh ideas for the annual film festival held in November at CSUSM and Pechanga Resort Casino.
CSUSM Major and Minor Fair

Tuesday, October 20th, 2015

The Major and Minor Fair took place in the Student Union on Tuesday, October 20 from 11:30-1:30. Current students who are minoring in American Indian Studies managed the booth to talk to the passing students. They discussed what type of jobs and opportunities are provided with a minor in American Indian Studies. It was a great turn out.

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Fort Lewis College Native American Center Speaker Series

October 27th-29th, 2015
Dr. Joely Proudfit was invited to speak at Fort Lewis College Durango, CO for their annual Native American Center Speaker Series. Dr. Proudfit presented a workshop to faculty members on "When Classroom Discussion Gets Offensive." During the breakfast with administrators, Dr. Proudfit spoke about "Cultural Appropriation and Racism Across College Campuses." For the evening session, Dr. Proudfit presented to the community, students, faculty and all in attendance on the Beyond the Stereotype poster campaign, the history and process of how the poster campaign was completed.

**November Events**

2015 California's American Indian & Indigenous Film Festival (CAIIFF)

Opening Night: A Thousand Voices/A Thousand Roads - Q&A with Chris Eyre and Irene Bedard

_Thursday, November 19th, 2015_
Opening night of the 3rd Annual CAIIFF began with the screening of "A Thousand Voices" and "A Thousand Roads" followed by a Question & Answer session with Director Chris Eyre and Actress Irene Bedard. Photos Link

Friday Night Funnies: Chasing the Light and Goldilocks

Friday, November 20th, 2015

Friday Night Funnies of the 3rd Annual CAIIFF showcased the feature film "Chasing the Light" followed by a Q&A session with Director/Writer Blackhorse Lowe. Also, the world premiere of short film "Goldilocks and the Bears" was shown followed by Q&A Session with Director Zoe Hopkins and Actor Rohahiyo Jordan Brant. Photos Link

Friday Night Funnies: A Tribute to Charlie Hill
Comedy Showcase with the 1491s

Friday, November 20th, 2015

Nathaniel "Bobbie" Wilson, Migizi Pensoneau, Dallas Goldtooth
Friday Night Funnies Comedy Showcase featuring the 1491s included members Ryan RedCorn, Nathaniel "Bobbie" Wilson, Dallas Goldtooth, and Megizi Pensoneau. [Photos Link]

Saturday Youth Track:
Facilitated by Steven Paul Judd

Saturday, November 21st, 2015
The Saturday Youth Track was facilitated by Steven Paul Judd. He worked on with the youth to create a cinemagraph. Cinemagraphs are still photographs in which a minor or related movement occurs. Photos Link

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**Saturday Afternoon Matinee:**

**7th Generation and Songs My Brothers Taught Me**

*Saturday, November 21st, 2015*

The Saturday Afternoon Matinee featured documentary "7th Generation" followed by Q&A session with Jim Warne and feature "Songs My Brothers Taught Me" followed by Q&A session with Irene Bedard. Photos Link

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**Closing Night:**

**Mekko**

**Q&A with Sterlin Harjo & Rod Rondeaux**

*Saturday, November 21st, 2015*

The closing night of the 3rd Annual CAIFF ended with a VIP reception...
followed by the feature film "Mekko." A Q&A session with Director Sterlin Harjo and Actor Rod Rondeaux followed the screening. Photos Link