

Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies

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"Cartography and Spatial Analysis in American Indian Studies"

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Overview

This interdisciplinary workshop engages this central issue in American Indian Studies by confronting head-on one of the key instruments employed in the colonization of indigenous homelands: maps. While acknowledging that maps embody the values and goals of their makers, the workshop aims nevertheless to assess their potential, and the potential of spatially-oriented inquiry more generally, for pushing the field of American Indian Studies in new and interesting directions. What can maps tell us about the historical experience of American Indian nations? How do maps function in a colonial context? Can the study of historical maps improve our awareness of the use of space (not just its occupancy) by American Indians? How have American Indian people understood, employed, and/or resisted cartography?

Focus

Integrating the rich resources of the Newberry Library's [D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian History](#), and the world-class [Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography](#), workshop participants will explore the intersection of cartography with document-based history, ethnography, literature, cultural narratives, and art history.

Objectives

The workshop is meant to introduce students to the Newberry's unique collections, to raise significant questions about the relationships between cartographic analysis and the broader field of American Indian studies, and to have students come away with an enhancement to their methodological repertoire in addition to gaining experience with archival research in an outstanding institution. Participants will read and discuss a provocative body of secondary readings in seminar format, pursue independent study in the collections, and share (briefly) their own research projects with the group.

Workshop Schedule

*Readings assigned for particular discussions are listed at the end of the syllabus.

Thursday 3/18

- 9:00-11:00am - Welcome, Introductions, Opening Discussion: "How Do Maps Function in a Colonial Context?"
- 11:15am-12:30pm - Orientation to Research at the Newberry
(John Brady, Director of Reader Services, Newberry Library)
- 12:30pm-1:30pm - Lunch Break
- 1:30-3:00pm - Orientation to Cartographic Research at the Newberry
(Robert Karrow, Curator of Maps, Newberry Library)
- 3:00pm-5:00pm - Independent Research time

Friday 3/19

- 9:00am-11:00am - Discussion, "What Can Maps Tell Us About the Historical Experience of American Indian Nations?"
- 11:00am-1:00pm - Lunch Break

- 1:00pm-3:00pm - Discussion, "How Have American Indian People Understood/Employed/Resisted Cartography?"
- 3:30pm-5:00pm - Participant Discussion of Research Projects in Progress

Saturday 3/20

- 9:00am-9:30am - Library open for paging research materials
- 9:30am-10:30am - Concluding Discussion, "How Can Cartographic Analysis Improve our Understanding of the Use of Space by American Indians?"
- 10:30pm-1:00pm -Library open for independent research

Assigned Readings:

"How Do Maps Function in a Colonial Context?"

Burnard, Trevor. "A Passion for Places: The Geographic Turn in Early American History." Common-Place 8.4 (July 2008)
<http://www.common-place.org/vol-08/no-04/burnard/>

Craib, Raymond B. "Relocating Cartography," Postcolonial Studies 12.4 (2009): 481-90.

Ederer, Veronika. "Maps and Illusions: Some Remarks on Ethnographic Maps of North America," European Review of Native American Studies 17.1 (2003): 37-46.

Edney, Matthew H. "The Irony of Imperial Mapping," in James R. Akerman, ed., The Imperial Map: Cartography and the Mastery of Empire (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009), 11-45.

Harley, J.B. "Maps, Knowledge, and Power," in Denis Cosgrove and Stephen Daniels, eds., The Iconography of Landscape: Essays on the Symbolic Representation, Design, and Use of Past Environments (Cambridge, 1988), 277-312.

Neocleous, Mark. "Off the Map: On Violence and Cartography," European Journal of Social Theory 6.4 (2003): 409-25.

"What Can Maps Tell us About the Historical Experience of American Indians"

Brealey, Ken G. "Mapping Them 'Out': Euro-Canadian Cartography and the Appropriation of the Nuxalk and Ts'ilhqot'in First Nations' Territories, 1793-1916," Canadian Geographer 39.2 (1995): 140-56.

Brückner, Martin. The Geographic Revolution in Early America: Maps, Literacy, and National Identity (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006), ch.6, "Native American Geographies and the Journals of Lewis and Clark."

Carroll, Alex, M. Nieves Zedeño, and Richard W. Stoffle, "Landscapes of the Ghost Dance: A Cartography of Numic Ritual," Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory 11.2 (2004): 127-56.

De Vorse, Louis, Jr. "Early Maps as a Source in the Reconstruction of Southern Indian Landscapes," in Charles Hudson, ed., Red, White, and Black: Symposium on Indians in the Old South, Southern Anthropological Society Proceedings No.5 (Athens, GA, 1971), 12-30.

Mano, Jo Margaret. "Unmapping the Iroquois: New York State Cartography, 1792-1845," in Laurence M. Hauptman and L. Gordon McLester III, eds., The Oneida Indian Journey: From New York to Wisconsin, 1784-1860 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1999), 171-95.

Pearce, Margaret Wickens. "The Holes in the Grid: Reservation Surveys in Lower Michigan." Michigan Historical Review 30.2 (2004): 135-66.

Witgen, Michael. "The Rituals of Possession: Native Identity and the Invention of Empire in Seventeenth-Century Western North America," Ethnohistory 54.4 (2007): 639-68.

"How Have American Indian People Understood/Employed/Resisted Cartography?"

Belyea, Barbara. "Amerindian Maps: The Explorer as Translator," Journal of Historical Geography 18.3 (1992): 267-77.

Brody, Hugh. Maps and Dreams. (New York: Pantheon Books, 1982), "The Indians' Maps."

Kelley, Klara, and Harris Francis. "Traditional Navajo Maps and Wayfinding," American Indian Culture and Research Journal 29.2 (2005): 85-111.

Lewis, G. Malcolm. "First Nations Mapmaking in the Great Lakes Region in Intercultural Context: A Historical Review," Michigan Historical Review 30.2 (2004): 1-34.

Nabokov, Peter. "Orientations from Their Side: Dimensions of Native American Cartographic Discourse," in G. Malcolm Lewis, ed., Cartographic Encounters: Perspectives on Native American Mapmaking and Map Use (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998), 241-69.

Norris, F. Terry, and Timothy R. Pauketat. "A Pre-Columbian Map of the Mississippi?" Southeastern Archaeology 27 (Summer 2008): 78-92.

Thom, Brian. "The Paradox of Boundaries in Coast Salish Territories," Cultural Geographies 16 (2009): 179-205.

Waselkov, Gregory A. "Indian Maps of the Colonial Southeast," in Waselkov, Peter H. Wood, and Tom Hatley, eds., Powhatan's Mantle: Indians in the Colonial Southeast 1989; revised edition (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006), 435-502.

"How Can Cartographic Analysis Improve our Understanding of the Use of Space by American Indians?"

Chapin, Mac, Zachary Lamb, and Bill Threlkeld. "Mapping Indigenous Lands," Annual Review of Anthropology 34 (2005): 619-38.

Deloria, Philip J. "From Nation to Neighborhood: Land, Policy, Culture, Colonialism, and Empire in U.S.-Indian Relations," in James W. Cook, Lawrence B. Glickman, and Michael O'Malley, eds.,

The Cultural Turn in U.S. History (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), 343-82.

Pearce, Margaret Wickens, and Renee Pualani Louis. "Mapping Indigenous Depth of Place," American Indian Culture and Research Journal 32.3 (2008): 107-26.

Wildcat, Daniel R. "Indigenizing the Future: Why We Must Think Spatially in the Twenty-First Century," American Studies 46 (3-4) (2005): 417-40.