Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies
Graduate Student Summer Institute at the Newberry Library
July 18-August 12, 2011

“Native American Women, Gender, and Feminisms”

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This co-taught course addresses current trends in the study of Native women by approaching the topic both historiographically and methodologically. First we will become familiar with the usefulness of gender as a category of analysis and how Native women have been situated in the scholarship on women and gender. Topics we explore include tribal traditions and gender roles, change and continuity under cycles of colonialism, and contemporary Native gender roles. Participants will be introduced to current studies and discussions on indigenous feminist theories and praxis and the diverse configurations of identity in Native societies such as two spirits and multiple genders. Methodologically, we will discuss how to find Native women’s voices and/or presence in the archives. This means exploring various kinds of sources from material culture to photography and architecture to art. To this end, we will take advantage of the Newberry’s outstanding collections, as well as those of other institutions in Chicago, especially the Field Museum and the National Archives Great Lakes Regional Branch.

WEEK ONE

July 18: 9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: The State of Native Women
1:30-2:30: Introduction to Newberry Protocol
2:30pm Wifi setup

Readings:
Selections from Sister Nation: Native American Women Writers on Community (Native Voices).
July 19: 9:00 – 12:00:  **Discussion: Native Feminisms**  
1:30-2:30:  **Archive Tour**

**Readings:**
Joanne Barker. “Native Feminism” (forthcoming)

Lisa Kahaleole Hall. “Navigating Our Own ‘Sea of Islands’: Remapping a Theoretical Space for Hawaiian Women and Indigenous Feminism” in *Wicazo Sa Review*.

Janet D. Spector. “Other Awl Stories” (30-39) from *What This Awl Means: Feminist Archaeology at a Wahpeton Dakota Village*


July 20: 9:00 – 12:00:  **Discussion: Settler Colonialism**  
3:45 – 5:00:  **Newberry Colloquium**

**Readings:**


Margaret Jacobs. Chap 1 “Gender and Settler Colonialism” from *White Mother to a Dark Race*.


July 21: 9:00 – 12:00:  **Discussion: Politics of Representation**  
Lecture by Dr. Denetdale

**Readings:**


July 22: 9:00 – 12:00: Lecture by Dr. Cahill **Labor & Economics**  
1:30 Film: *Weaving Worlds*

**Readings:**  

Cathleen D. Cahill “‘An Indian Teacher Among Indians’: Native Women as Federal Employees” in *Indigenous Women and Labor* (forthcoming)  

**WEEK TWO**

July 25: 9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: **Material Culture**  
1:30-? Afternoon Field Museum Tour – Women’s material culture

**Readings:**  
Patricia Albers and Bea Medicine, “The Role of Sioux Women in the Production of Ceremonial Objects: The Case of the Star Quilt,” in *The Hidden Half: Studies of Plains Indian Women* Ed. by Albers, Medicine  
Jacki Rand. Ch. 6 “Households of Humanity” from *Kiowa Humanity and the Invasion of the State*.  
Rina Swentzell. “Conflicting Landscape Values: The Santa Clara Pueblo and Day School,” in *Understanding Ordinary Landscapes* Ed. Groth and Bressi

July 26: 9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: **Red Power & Activism/ Urban Indians**

**Readings:**  
Mishuana R. Goeman, “Notes Toward a Native Feminism’s Spatial Practice” in *Wicazo-Sa Review* Fall 2009 (24:2) 169-187  
July 27: 
9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: **Tribal Nations & Gender**

**Readings:**

July 28: 
9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: **Queering Native Studies? OR Sexuality and Gender in NS**

**Readings:**
Tomson Highway, “Learning to Skin the Beaver: In search of our aunties’ traplines” in *Me Sexy*

July 29: 
9:00 – 3:00: **NCAIS Conference in TFL** (Individual presentations)

July 30: 
**NCAIS Conference in TFL**

**WEEK THREE**

August 1: 
9:00 – 12:00: Discussion: **Rethinking Sovereignty**
12:00-1:00 Lunch Potluck (B-82)

**Readings:**
August 2: Individual meetings & research  
August 3: Individual meetings & research  
August 4: Individual meetings & research  
August 5: Individual meetings & research

WEEK FOUR

August 8: Research & presentations  
August 9: Research & presentations  
August 10: Research & presentations  
August 11: Research & presentations  
August 12: Presentations