Violence and Indigenous Communities: Confronting the Past, Engaging the Present

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Friday, May 12 to Saturday, May 13, 2017
Ruggles Hall, The Newberry, Chicago

Studies of violence and Native peoples have typically focused on war and massacre, casting Indians as simple and passive victims. Rather than become trapped by stale debates about the nature of genocide, this symposium approaches the study of violence in broader and deeper ways.

With scholars from several academic disciplines, including Anthropology, Art History, History, Literature, and Native Studies, we will explore themes of domestic and gendered violence, the law, education, representations of violence, memory, appropriation and the arts, strategies of resistance, and activism. In Perseverance Rick Bartow reminds us of the resilience and agency of Native peoples in confronting violence.

This symposium is free and open to the public. Registration is required. RSVP to mcnickle@newberry.org by April 28th.

Sessions

Beyond War and Massacre: the Nature of Violence
Brenda J. Child
Beth H. Piatote
Maria John
Kelly Wiseaupt*  

Colonial Legacies of Gendered Violence
Blenda Feménias
Susan Sleeper-Smith
Alesha Sangster
Nancy Shoemaker*  

Strategies of Resistance
Michelle M. Jacob
Virginia Reavert
Corey Larson
Scott Manning Stevens
Lucinda Rasmussen
Josh Reid*  

New Approaches to Indigenous Activism
Hi‘ilei Julia Kawehiipuaakahaopulani
Hobart
Amber Hickey
Liz Przybylski
Nicholas Estes
Dian Million*  

Appropriation and Destruction of Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage
Patricia Marroquin Norby
Christine DeLucia
Kealani R. Cook
Gabby Tayac*  

Historic and Contemporary Challenges of Self-Determination
Silvia Soto
Rauna Kuokkanen
Forrest Hylton
Jacki Rand*  

Community and Identity Formation in the Aftermath of State Violence
Alicia Ivonne Estrada
Ashley Riley Sousa
Amy Lonetree
Jeff Ostler*  

Closing Comments
Chad Allen, University of Washington

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