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The Newberry's D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies and Northwestern Present a Lecture and Archive Discussion by Drew Lopenzina



“And who, my dear sirs, were wanting of the name of savages?: William Apess and John Norton in the War of 1812”

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017

5:30 pm reception; 6 pm lecture
Ruggles Hall
The Newberry Library
60 W. Walton St., Chicago

This talk tracks the extraordinary experiences of two “Writing Indians” in the War of 1812, bringing new biographical information to bear on their lives.

One, William Apess (Pequot), fought on the U.S. side, having been

conscripted at the age of fifteen and marched to the Canadian border to witness some of the war's most brutal engagements. The other, John Norton (Cherokee), banded with the Mohawk under Joseph Brant's tutelage, and fought for indigenous sovereignty on the Canadian side. Both left detailed accounts of their experiences and became engaged in an even deeper rhetorical battle of exonerating Native people from accusations of war depredations and savagery. There will be an opportunity to see archival materials related to Apess and the War of 1812 at this event.

Hosted by: the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies, and Northwestern University.



William Apess (Pequot) and John Norton (Cherokee)

TRANSPORTATION via bus from Northwestern University to the Newberry and back, departing campus (633 Clark St., Evanston) at 4:30 pm and leaving the Newberry at 7:15 pm.

Please RSVP for the bus by April 11 to kelly.wisecup@northwestern.edu