

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

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*Perseverance*, Rick Bartow, 2002. Collection of Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon. Courtesy of Froelick Gallery, Portland.

**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](mailto:mcnickle@newberry.org) by April 28th.**



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## SESSIONS

### **Beyond War and Massacre: the Nature of Violence**

Brenda J. Child  
Beth H. Piatote  
Maria John  
*Kelly Wisecup\**

### **Colonial Legacies of Gendered Violence**

Blenda Femenías  
Susan Sleeper-Smith  
Alesha Sangster  
*Nancy Shoemaker\**

### **Strategies of Resistance**

Michelle M. Jacob  
Virginia Beavert  
Corey Larson  
Scott Manning Stevens  
Lucinda Rasmussen  
*Josh Reid\**

### **New Approaches to Indigenous Activism**

Hi'ilei Julia Kawehipuaakahaopulani  
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*

### **Symposium Coordinating Committee**

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