Eleventh Native American Symposium:
“Native Leadership: Past, Present, and Future”

Thursday, November 5

1 pm – Stickball – Front Lawn (Weather Permitting)

2 pm – Native American Film Presentation – Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library

   The Cherokee Word for Water

3 pm – Native Studies – Native American Commons of the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library

   Dr. Clara Sue Kidwell, Lecturer and Scholar of Native Studies

4:30 pm – Native American Leadership: Student Presentations – Native American Commons of the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library

   “Tdiepeigah: Homage to the Warrior and to the Red Wolf”
   Terry Ashby

   “Untitled”
   Crystal Bully

   “Mindful Eating: A Month Unprocessed”
   Jill Reyna

   “What Happened to the Natchez Indians?”
   Joe Thomas

   “Do Something, Write Now”
   Twahna Hamill

6:00 pm – Ballroom: Keynote Banquet

   Richard Green, Tribal Historian of the Chickasaw Nation, “B. F. Overton: The Chickasaw Nation’s Last War Chief”
Friday, November 6

8:30 am – Pastries & Coffee in the Loft

9 am – Native Education and Welfare – Student Union Auditorium 213

Joseph Bohanon, Bacone College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “Educational Leadership in Oklahoma Indian Country and Higher Education”
Margaret Neubauer, Southern Methodist University, “In Whose Best Interest?: Cultural Constructions of ‘Parental Neglect’ and the American Indian Child Welfare Crisis, 1945-1978”

9 am – Native Identities – Student Union 323

Zach Maxwell, Choctaw Nation, “Choctaws in East Texas: The Ongoing Quest for Historical Recognition”
Marlene Flores, Texas Woman’s University, “The Indian vs. the White: Contradictions within Mexican Identity”

10 am – Native History I – Student Union Auditorium 213

Stephen Egbert, Joseph Paul Brewer, and Paula I. Smith, University of Kansas, “‘Renaming the Indians’: Legibility, Illegibility, and Territorial Cleansing”
Ann Ellis, “Choctaw Leadership Challenges Associated with Removal”

10 am – Native Literature – Student Union 303

Patti Dimond, University of South Dakota, “Separating Myth from Reality: Reclaiming Indian Identity in Sherman Alexie’s Indian Killer”
Caleb Tankersley, University of Southern Mississippi, “Magical Resistance: Louise Erdrich’s Use of Magical Realism in Tracks and The Plague of Doves”

10 am – Native Leadership – Student Union 323

Linda Warner, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and George Briscoe, “American Indian Leadership: Case Studies”
Dean Chaversk, “Tribal Leadership and Sovereignty”

11 am – Native Studies – Student Union Auditorium 213


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11 am – Native Film and Performing Arts – Student Union 303

Claudia Little Axe, Ben Whaley, Rachel Lloyd, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, “Using Drama to teach Cultural Awareness and Achieve Multiple Outcomes”
Mark Spencer, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “The Journals of Knud Rasmussen”

11 am – Native Public Awareness – Student Union 323

Alissa Benson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “The Chickasaw Cultural Center: Evaluating Expectations”
Stanley Rice, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “Columbus Day and Thanksgiving: Modify Them or Eliminate Them?”

12 pm – Lunch in the Loft

1 pm – Native Social Services – Student Union Auditorium 213

Lola Mondragon, University of California Santa Barbara, “Indigenous Women Veterans: Visibility, Camaraderie, & Healing”

1 pm – Native Arts – Student Union 323

Carrie Duke, Ball State University, “Cultivating Subversive Plots: Sharing Spiritual Kinship in Native American Women’s Gardens”

1 pm – Native Philosophy – Student Union 202

Steve Csaki, Independent Scholar, “Coming Around Again: Cyclical and Circular Aspects of Native American Thought,”
Jennifer L. McMahon, East Central University, “Captive in Not So Well Upholstered Hells: Jean-Paul’s Sartre’s No Exit and Sterlin Harjo’s Goodnight Irene”

2:30 pm – Native Languages – Student Union Auditorium 213

Amy Gantt, Chickasaw Nation, “Revitalizing Native Languages”
Neyooxet Greymorning, University of Montana, “Reviving Language through ASLA”
Brian McDermott, Director, Language Healers (Movie)

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2:30 pm – Native History II – Student Union 323

Zach Cowser, West Virginia University, “Abolition, Vigilantes, and the Politics of Fear: The Choctaw Nation Enters the Civil War”
Neal Hampton, Oklahoma State University, “Green McCurtain, the Tuskahoma Party, and the Elections of 1896”

4:00 pm – Native Fiction & Poetry Reading – Student Union Auditorium 213

Jeffrey DeLotto, Texas Wesleyan University, Snakebite: A Caddo on the Camino Real
Ron G. Wallace, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Of Hawks and Horses

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