

American Indian Heritage Month 2007

November 6

Our Life, Our Lands:

The Defense of Western Shoshone Lands

7:00 p.m. in Ward 300

The film "Our Life, Our Land" looks at the Western Shoshone's decade-long struggle to defend their lands from encroachment by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the mining industry. Following the presentation, Paul Bugala, a lead organizer for Oxfam America, will discuss the challenges to indigenous people's rights posed by the United States Government and extractive industries firms.

November 7

Alt Break Info Session:

The Tohono O'odham Reservation

7:00p.m. in McKinley 205

Participants will study the poverty and economic development on the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Sells, AZ through analyzing the history of U.S. Indian policy, reservation education, unemployment, health issues, and border security.

November 13

American Indian Harvest Festival

University Club (lunch) and TDR (dinner)

Enjoy American Indian Cuisine and Music!

November 14

Courtland Milloy, Civil Rights Opinion Writer for the Washington Post, Talks about the Washington Football Team

6:30 p.m. in the Kay Spiritual Life Chapel

Open reception at 8:00p.m. in the Battelle Atrium

Courtland Milloy will talk about the disparaging team name of the Washington Football Team and how Indian mascots reflect the marginalization of Native Americans in mainstream U.S. society.

November 15

Flautist Ron Warren

6-8:00p.m. in the MGC Tavern

Flautist Ron Warren will perform and FREE FOOD will be provided.

(Co-sponsored with SUB and the WINS Program)

November 27

Native Hawaiian Recognition

8:00 p.m. in Ward 2

What does it mean to be a federally recognized tribe? This panel will explore the issue of Native Hawaiian recognition. How would Native Hawaiian recognition impact Native Hawaiians and the other currently recognized tribes in the continental U.S. and Alaska?

November 29

The Environment and Reservation Life

8:00p.m. in TBA (Please see Today@AU for details)

Reservation lands are often threatened by hazardous materials and encroachment onto their sacred sites. This panel will explore environmentalism from a cultural perspective and will look at what Native people are doing to protect their lands.

November 30

Indigenous Amazon Craft Fair

Noon-6:00 p.m. in the Tavern

Get your holiday shopping done early this year! Buy gifts in which the proceeds will go to the American Indian communities who made them.