

Global Indigenous News October 30, 2019

Greetings from the FIU Global Indigenous Forum:

November is Native American Heritage month. Below are FIU and South Florida events in November to the end of December. Many more planned for 2020.

### **INDIGENOUS STUDIES COURSES AND STUDY ABROAD**

**Ecuadorian Amazon: Indigenous Cultures and the Environment.** Study abroad Spring 2020. Students spend one week in the Ecuadorian Amazon learning about indigenous knowledge of, and relationships to, the environment over FIU's spring break. They gain exposure to how to conduct research in Cultural Anthropology working directly with Kichwa and Waorani communities while being housed in the beautiful Andes and Amazon Field School. Students also meet weekly on Thursdays, 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm, on the MMC campus throughout the spring semester. Study abroad that includes 6 credits for undergraduate students (ANT 3212 World Ethnographies. ANT 4930 Topics in Anthropology: The Amazon) OR 3 credits for graduate students (ANG 6339 Seminar on Latin America). <https://abroad.fiu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10179>. Scholarships are available. Priority application deadline for scholarships is November 1, 2019. Contact Dr. Juliet Erazo at [jerazo@fiu.edu](mailto:jerazo@fiu.edu).

**Spirituality and Sustainability.** REL 3161. Spring 2020. Mondays 11:00AM - 1:45 PM. Department of Religious Studies. Thomas Pliske, Lecturer Emeritus, Dept. of Earth and Environment. Two elements common to virtually all creation traditions are the spiritual origin of humanity and a wider spiritual kinship of humans with one another, the earth and universal Nature. This course explores the world's great spiritual traditions: Indigenous, Eastern (Vedic India, Buddhism, Taoism) and Western (Abrahamic: Christianity, Judaism, Islam) seeking out the roots and threads of our contemporary concepts of sustainability and earth stewardship. This course will meet your requirement for Global Learning.

### **FIU EVENTS**

(For information see [indigenous.fiu.edu](http://indigenous.fiu.edu), or 305-348-2247.)

These events are free and open to the public.

**Friday, November 1, 2019.** 8:00 to 10 PM. **Story Telling.** Graham Center (GC) 285. Celebrate your ancestors with us!!!! Share stories passed down within your family. Indigenous community members will be sharing folk stories passed down within their families and communities. Open to the public. Organized by FIU student club, Global Indigenous Group.

**Friday November 8, 2019.** 8:00 pm until 9:00 pm. **Mayan Astronomy.** Presented by Dr. James Webb. Chemistry & Physics Building. CP 145.

Learn of the remarkable Mayan civilization and their advanced astronomy, mathematics and calendars. Professor James R. Webb, Professor of Physics specializes in Observational Extra-

galactic Astronomy. He is Director of the Stocker AstroScience Center Observatory on the FIU campus. Observing at the Stocker Observatory follows if weather permits until 11:00 pm. For more information: [https://calendar.fiu.edu/event/mayan\\_astronomy#.Xasr6EF7k2w](https://calendar.fiu.edu/event/mayan_astronomy#.Xasr6EF7k2w)

**Friday, November 15, 2019.** 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Academic Health Center 3, AHC3, Room 205. **University-Community Partnership to Ameliorate Substance Use Among Native American Adolescents.** Dr. Michelle Hospital and Dr. Staci Leon Morris of the FIU Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI), present their Florida and Oklahoma efforts incorporating Native American cultural values partnering with tribal elders and stakeholders. Organized by the Global Indigenous Forum. See <http://indigenous.fiu.edu/events/2019/na-substance-use-1/>

**Monday, November 18.** 2:00 to 5:00. Graham Center Pit. **We Are Still Here.** Celebrate Native American Heritage month with various local Indigenous communities and organizations. Celebrate the cultures and languages of the original peoples of the Americas that are spoken here at FIU! Come join us and decolonize!!! This is the first time that we are in the “Pit” the central student gathering place on campus inside the Graham Center. Organized by the Global Indigenous Group.

### **SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**November 1-2, 2019.** 9am-5pm both days. **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Indian Arts Celebration. Dance! Music! Arts! Culture!.** Ah-tha-thi-ki Museum on the Seminole Big Cypress Reservation. *Kick off Native American Heritage Month.* Traditional and contemporary arts and crafts, dance and music of the Seminole, Southeastern and other Indian tribes from across the country. Native American vendors, special presentations and wildlife shows. Featuring the 1491s, Dr. Adrienne Keene, Deer Family Dancers, Billy Walker, and music by Seminole artists Ted Nelson, RC North, and Jeanie Capricien. Museum’s festival grounds/parking lot. <https://www.ahtahthiki.com/events/>

**November 2.** 2:00 PM to 11 PM. **Tenth Annual Day of the Dead. Memory for the Dead, Party for the Living.** Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Our ancestors believed that on every 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, the gateway between Mictlan, the ancient Aztec Land of the Dead, and our world opens so we may celebrate with our lost loved ones for one special time of year. Eight stages, Mariachi, Skeleton Processional, Mexican Dancing horses, Food trucks and Family Festival. Free and open to the public. <http://www.floridadayofthedead.com/>

**November 13, 2019.** 9am-5pm. **Seminole GIS Day (Geographic Information Systems)** Ah-tha-thi-ki Museum on the Seminole Big Cypress Reservation. Learn about a powerful tool that helps the Seminole understand the world around us, solving real-world problems using visual geographic data to help make the most informed decisions. The event is going to be a day full of activities and events, such as: a drone demonstration, geography trivia, educational talks from experts in the field, and lots of delicious food! Museum galleries and outdoor areas. <https://www.ahtahthiki.com/events/>

**November 15—January 12, 2020. Exhibit. Patchwork Mosaic: An Indigenous Gathering of Seminole Masterworks.** History Fort Lauderdale. 231 Southwest Second Avenue. Featuring: Elgin Jumper, Jessica Osceola, Gordon Oliver Wareham, Brian Zepeda, Pedro Zepeda, Erica Deitz, Samuel Tommie, Tia Blais-Billie, Jacqueline Osceola and Stephanie Hall. Collaboratively curated by the artists along with Tara Chadwick, Jimmy Osceola, and Dante Blais-Billie.  
<https://historyfortlauderdale.org/museum/events>

**November 23, 2019. 1:00 PM. Big Cypress Hike: Come Meet Our Relatives.**  
Enjoy the Everglades and Decolonize y(our) bodies with Miccosukee Houston Cypress. Relatives is another way of thinking of the plants and animals in the natural world that we are a part of. Prioritizing the joy of Trans Family, Friends, and our Allies. Open to all. Oasis Visitor Center. [www.facebook.com/events/2150701181891898/](http://www.facebook.com/events/2150701181891898/)

**Until December 1. Exhibit: We Are Here: Voices & Hands Making Community Happen.**  
Ah-tha-thi-ki Museum on the Seminole Big Cypress Reservation. Museum West Gallery. How does the Seminole Tribe of Florida make our Tribal communities happen? The Seminole Tribe of Florida has always had its own form of self-governance, adapting to change, and tending to the growing needs of its communities. Get an inside glimpse in how the 47 different departments within the Seminole Tribal government work together. We Are Here providing Emergency Services, Healthcare, Housing, and Education. We Care for our Lands and Cultural Resources. Together we'll meet at the Live Oak. <https://www.ahtathiki.com/events/>

**December 17. 10am-3pm. Seminole Artist Experience Art Sale. Headquarters, Hollywood Seminole Reservation.** Featuring Elgin Jumper, Jackie Osceola, Jimmy Osceola, and others! Original art, prints, jewelry, and more! Painting demonstration, reading, and print raffle.  
<https://www.ahtathiki.com/events/>

**Dec 25, 2019 – Jan 1, 2020. Annual Miccosukee Indian Arts & Crafts Festival.**  
Miccosukee Indian Village. Mile Marker 36, US Highway 41, #200. Established in 1974 as the Tribe's showcase festival, Indian Arts & Crafts has grown into a multicultural celebration of indigenous culture showcasing arts and crafts from Indian, Native American, Amerindian, First Nations and Aboriginal cultures of the Americas. Held every year in the heart of the beautiful Florida Everglades at the Miccosukee Indian Village.  
<https://mrg.miccosukee.com/event/miccosukee-indian-arts-crafts-festival/2019-12-26/>

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