

Hello from the FIU Global Indigenous Forum: January 14, 2019

Here are some of the FIU and South Florida community Indigenous news and events. Now that it has been five years since the founding in 2013 of the FIU Global Indigenous Forum (GIF), and the students club, Global Indigenous Group (GIG), our students are now graduating with Ph.D. degrees on Indigenous topics. Students and faculty are actively engaged with many Indigenous nations and peoples. Visiting Fulbright faculty Dr. Bina Sengar from India is sharing her expertise of global Indigenous issues with many audiences. In November, working with the FIU Foundation we initiated a fund-raising campaign to build a Seminole/Miccosukee chickee on campus.

NEWS

Fall 2018 Ph.D. Graduates: During the fall commencement two students graduated with Ph.D.s for their research on Indigenous topics. **Janna Lafferty**, a 2013 founding member of the student club, the Global Indigenous Group (GIG), received her Ph.D. in Global and Sociocultural Studies for her dissertation research with the Coast Salish of Washington state titled: *“Plant Pedagogies, Salmon Nation, and Fire: Troubling: Settler Colonial Food Utopias and the (Un)Making of Human-Land Relationships.”* **Diane Benitez**, (Lakota) Past-President of GIG, received her Ph.D. in Public Administration for her dissertation titled: *“Economic Development on U.S. Native American Reservations: A Case Study of the Tribes of Florida.”*

Grant Funding Preventing Health Risks among Florida American Indians : Dr. Eric Wagner, professor of social work in Stempel College of Public Health, and Director of the FIU Community-Based Research Institute in collaboration with Dr. John Love, Florida State University College of Nursing, earned a \$1.275 million grant titled “Community Partnership Preventing Health Risks among Florida Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Young Adults,” to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate health promotion and disease prevention services for urban young adults. <https://stempel.fiu.edu/community-based-research-institute-receives-1-2-million-grant-to-provide-health-promotion-to-indigenous-communities/>

GIF/GIG Chickee Initiative: In November the FIU Foundation publicly initiated our fund raising to build a Seminole/Miccosukee chickee on the campus by highlighting GIF during #GiveMiami Day. This thatched palm covered, and open sided building would be a gathering place for student/faculty events, meetings and a place of solace. Student leaders from the student club, the Global Indigenous Group addressed the FIU Student Government Association during the fall semester and received a welcoming response. A January story in the “Seminole Tribune” newspaper presented our purpose and how to contribute. <http://seminoletribune.org/fiu-group-seeks-donations-to-build-campus-chickee/> You can easily contribute online using the instructions at the bottom of this email.

FIU EVENTS

January 15. 12:30 to 1:30. Graham Center 150

Indigenous Cultures and Global Ecological Challenges.

Dr. Bina Sengar. Fulbright Visiting Faculty of the FIU Global Indigenous Forum

Tuesday Times Round Table. Organized by FIU Global Learning for Global Citizenship

https://goglobal.fiu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2018/12/S19_MMC_EcologicalChallenges.jpg

January 18. 3:30 to 5:00. SIPA 502-503.

**Complex Ethnographies, Contested Borders: Indigeneity
and Nations in the Geographies of South Asian History.**

Dr. Bina Sengar. Fulbright Visiting Faculty. SAGGSA Colloquim Series.

Organized by Sociology, Anthropology, Geography Graduate Student Association.

<https://gss.fiu.edu/events/2019/complex-ethnographies-contested-borders/>

January 18 – 20. Indigenous Peoples March.

GIG students travel to Washington, DC

Uniting Indigenous peoples across the world to stand together to bring awareness to the injustices affecting Indigenous men, women and children.

Organized by Indigenous Peoples Movement.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indigenous-peoples-march-registration-52994200079>

January 29. 11:00 - 12:15. SASCS 352. Heritage Voices Against Indigenous Genocide.

Wayne Smoke Snellgrove, Canadian Cree. Hillel Genocide Week Presentation.

Raising awareness about the atrocities of the Holocaust, genocide, and mass violence around the world. Organized by Jewish Studies, FIU Hillel, and GIG.

<http://jewishstudies.fiu.edu/events/2019/save-the-date-fiu-third-annual-holocaust-and-genocide-awareness-week/>

April 13. FIU Indigenous Celebration. Graham Center Ballroom. MMC Campus. Our annual signature event of the academic year. Indigenous Issues and voices expressed in dance, performance, storytelling, videos, displays and discussions. Organized by GIG/GIF.

SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY EVENTS

January 20: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

181st Anniversary Seminole Maroon Spiritual Remembrance: 1838 Loxahatchee Battles.

Battlefield site in Riverbend Park, 9060 W. Indiantown Road, in Jupiter, FL.

Organized by the Florida Black Historical Research Project.

<http://www.fbhrpinc.org/>

January 31. 6:00 PM

Parallel Civilizations: A Comparison of the Cultural Histories of the Maya and the North Coast of Peru. Dr. Stan Guenter. Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

Organized by the Institute for Maya Studies.

<http://www.instituteofmayastudies.org/index.php/events/january-presentations>

February 8-10, 2018 Seminole Tribal Fair and Powwow.

Hollywood Reservation. Hard Rock Arena

Celebration of Native Arts and Culture. Dance, Clothing Contest, Vendors, Food, Rez Basketball competitions.

FIU students and faculty volunteers are invited to help with events.

<http://semtribefairandpowwow.com/>

February 8 and 9. Native Reel Cinema Festival. Seminole Hard Rock. Hollywood.

https://www.facebook.com/events/2215490732064325/?active_tab=about

February 15,16,17 Thunder On The Beach Powwow 2019

Indian River County Fairgrounds 7955 58th Ave Vero Beach Florida.

<https://events.verovine.com/?event=20171536>

February 21, 2018 - 6 pm.

Secrets of the Black Door: What Were the Ancient Maya Trying to Tell Us?

Presented by Keith Merwin. Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

Organized by the Institute for Maya Studies.

<http://www.instituteofmayastudies.org/index.php/events/february-presentations/february-21-2018-holmul>

February 23. 3:00 PM.

The Story of the Americas: What the Artifacts Tell Us.

Carol Damian, Ph.D., FIU Professor Emeritus of Art History.

Co-Curator of exhibition, *Culture and Change in the Early Americas*.

Kislak Center at Miami Dade College Freedom Tower. Downtown, Miami.

March 1-3. Seminole Shootout Battle Reenactment.

John Jimmie Memorial Arena, Immokalee Youth Camp

1195 East Main Street, Immokalee, FL

<http://www.seminoleshootout.com/>

March 16. 8 pm.

The Lives of Three Ancient Shamans: Art and Visionary Plants in the Andes 1500-2000 Years

Ago. Dr. Constantino Manuel Torres, Professor Emeritus, Florida International University.

Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

Organized by the Institute for Maya Studies.

<http://www.instituteofmayastudies.org/index.php/events/march-presentations/march-16-2016-presentation>

March 22-24. 54th Annual FIHA Pow-wow.

Intertribal Powwow, dance, vendors, camping.

St Lucie County Fairgrounds. 15601 W Midway Rd. Fort Pierce FL

Organized by Florida Indian Heritage Association. <https://fiha.us/>

April 4. 6:00 pm. Maya Voices: Connecting the Pre-Columbian Past with Today's Youth.

Dr. Gabriel Gail. University of North Carolina. Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus.

Organized by the Institute for Maya Studies.

<http://www.instituteofmayastudies.org/index.php/eventsv>

The mission of the FIU Global Indigenous Forum is to bring global Indigenous issues, voices and awareness to the FIU campus and world community through activities and academic programs.

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<https://give.fiu.edu/give-now/school-of-international-and-public-affairs/>

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