

FIU INDIGENOUS WORKSHOP LED BY VANESSA LEON
FIU Global Indigenous Forum

“You can go... only whites can get into that beach!”
The Challenges of a Native Anthropologist.

March 5, 2019. 6:00 to 7:30 pm. FIU MMC AHC5-212A.

Seats are limited. Please let us know soon that you are attending with this RSVP:

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The *Indigenous workshop* is just one of the Global Indigenous Forum’s university-wide efforts to support Indigenous students, and those with an interest in Indigenous peoples, to excel at FIU. Led by a student or faculty member, the purpose is to discuss a specific topic relating to ways of succeeding in academia while building respectful and ethical relationships with Indigenous communities. These informal conversational workshops are open to all students and faculty from departments and disciplines across the University.

Vanessa Leon is pursuing a doctoral degree in Global and Sociocultural Studies and a Past-President of the FIU Global Indigenous Group. Born and raised in the Pacific city of Guayaquil, Ecuador led to an interest in coastal native communities. Holding a master’s degree in tourism management from the University of Alicante, she has taught at ESPOL Polytechnic University of coastal Ecuador and is a member of the Latin American Studies Association.

What does it mean to be a Native Anthropologist? Broadly defined, a native anthropologist studies his/her own native country, society or community. In stark contrast to the traditional anthropologists, being a native anthropologist should minimize the “Others/Us” controversy. Yet, during fieldwork in my own country, in my own region, rural villagers do not perceive me as “them.” The “otherness” was inevitable. In my talk, I address my experiences with the other/us dilemma and the advantages and disadvantages I face researching my own country.

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