



Pond and woods at IAS, Princeton, on Lunaapahkiing.

COVER IMAGE: Embroidered Munsee Delaware beadwork: *Courtesy of the Division of Anthropology, American Museum of Natural History, New York (50.1/ 1591 A)*

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FIFTH ANNUAL

MUNSEE LANGUAGE & HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

LUNAAPAHKIING, HULUNIIXSUWAAKAN,
LUNAAPEEWAK

(Munsee Land, Munsee Language, Munsee People)

**5th Annual
MUNSEE LANGUAGE &
HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:
“Reconnecting with Lunaape Land,
Language, and History”**

16-18 October 2025 * Princeton, NJ and NYC

This event continues and deepens ongoing relationships with Lunaapeewak from Munsee-speaking tribal nations as they gather on their own traditional territory, Lunaapahkiing, with students, staff, fellows, and faculty from Princeton and IAS.

This year's theme is “Reconnecting with Lunaape Land, Language, and History.”

The 2025 symposium sessions take place at:

DAY 1: Princeton Public Library, Princeton, NJ;

DAY 2: American Museum of Natural History, NYC;

DAY 3: The Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), Princeton,
and The Seed Farm at Princeton.

Thursday, October 16

DAY 1, at Princeton Public Library:

8am and 8:30am - *buses pick up from hotel to
Princeton Public Library*

9am - formal opening

**9:30am-12pm - Session 1: “Community
Updates from Language Keepers”**

- Velma Noah-Nicholas (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit), Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation), Kristin Jacobs (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit), Nikole Pecore (Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians)

12-2pm - *lunch and guided walk around downtown
Princeton by Eve Mandel, Director of Programs and
Outreach at the Historical Society of Princeton (space on
walk is limited to 25)*

2-3:30pm - Session 2: “Lunaape Books”

- Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation) and Kasimir Chupik-Hall on their forthcoming graphic novel on Arnold Logan
- Mary Jane McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation) on her recently published *Brown Tom’s School Days*, by Enos Montour

Friday, October 17

- John Nicholas (Munsee-Delaware Nation) on his parents' book *Cry of the Ancients*
- John Moses (Delaware and Upper Mohawk bands, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory), "A Six Nations Delaware Literary History"

3:30-4pm - *coffee break*

4-5:30pm - Session 3: "Local Lunaape Histories"

- Eve Mandel (Historical Society of Princeton), an overview of the Historical Society of Princeton's Native American initiatives
- Claire Garland (Sand Hill Historical Association) on the new Minisink Trail markers
- Meg Nicholas (Munsee-Delaware Nation / American Folklife Center, Library of Congress) on the folkloric approach to cultural resources and community history, using examples from the Library of Congress and other archives
- Paul Ligeti, with Achutan Raghushri (West Windsor Historical Society), on the Moses Tunda Tatamy Trail

5:30pm - *dinner break*

7 and 7:30pm - *bus pickup for return to hotel*

DAY 2 - at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), NYC:

Community visit with Munsee belongings

Note: *museum space is limited, so priority will be for members of the communities whose belongings will be present (Munsee-Delaware Nation, Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit, and the Delaware band of Six Nations of the Grand River Territory) along with their invited guests. Some AMNH staff members will also be present.*

Note: *for any people who decide to stay in Princeton that day, we are planning outdoor activities on the land, especially focused on the corn harvest.*

7am - *bus from the hotel in Princeton, NJ, to AMNH in NYC, for those attending the community visit with Munsee belongings*

9-9:30am - *arrive at AMNH, register at security, coffee available at 9:30*

10-11am - *Opening circle*

11am-12pm - *Visit with belongings*

12-1pm - *lunch (at AMNH) for speakers, community members, symposium organizers*

Saturday, October 18

1-2:30pm

Presentations:

- John Nicholas, Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation), and John Moses (Delaware and Mohawk bands, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory), on visiting Munsee belongings in Germany and Scotland
- Julie Rae Tucker (Munsee-Delaware Nation), on dolls and preparing for the exhibition “BIG Doll | XWAT Naaniitus” by Vanessa Dion Fletcher (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit / Potawatomi) at Art Windsor-Essex

2:30-4pm – Divide into groups:

- 1) continued visit with belongings
- 2) tour of the museum’s Northwest Coast Hall
- 3) discussion of possible exhibition collaboration

4-4:30pm - Closing reflections and plans for future work

5pm – *Munsee community members and invited guests: leave the museum for dinner at a nearby restaurant (Covacha, 368 Columbus Ave., just north of 77th St.)*

7pm - *buses depart from the restaurant back to the hotel in Princeton (one bus goes directly to Princeton, one bus [MDN] includes a drop off in Times Square, with a later return time)*

DAY 3, at IAS (Rubenstein 5) and The Seed Farm at Princeton:

Sessions on seed rematriation, the Three Sisters, the corn harvest, language and land

8:30am and 9am - *bus pickups (and carpooling) from hotel to the Institute for Advanced Study*

At IAS, Rubenstein Commons, Room 5:

9:30-10:30am - Opening circle, reflecting on the museum visit and future steps

10:30-10:45am - *coffee break*

10:45am-12pm - **short presentations on land and language**

- Ian McCallum, Rihanna Snake, Rose Snake (Munsee-Delaware Nation), with Catalina Méndez Vallejo, Ari Ahdieh and Joseph Gonzalez (Princeton University)
- Kristin Jacobs and Barry Stonefish (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit), with Rob Flory (Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space)
- Cheyenne Nicholas (Munsee-Delaware Nation / Kilunuk Cooperative)

12-1pm - lunch at IAS for speakers, community members, symposium organizers

1pm – buses and carpooling to The Seed Farm at Princeton

At The Seed Farm:

- Courtney Streett (Nanticoke / Native Roots Farm Foundation), with Tessa Desmond (Native Roots Farm Foundation / Princeton University):
- The Nanticoke Language Project, illustrator Aly Miller, and Native Roots Farm Foundation have collaborated to create an interactive poster that restores the Nanticoke and Lenape languages while identifying twenty-two native plants. In this workshop, we will highlight a few plants on the poster, our ancestors' relationships with them, and then paint with inks made from the plants.

1:30-2pm – circle to describe activities and form groups

2-4pm – Activities on the land (start with one, and move on to another)

- 1) **Workshop**: painting with inks made from native plants
- 2) **Plant walk**, visiting with and identifying native plants
- 3) **Corn braiding**

PLEASE NOTE: walks start at 2pm and 3pm and workshops at 2pm and 3pm

4-5:15pm – snack and tea, closing circle

5:30pm – buses and carpooling to IAS, Rubenstein Commons, for dinner and closing fire (at 7 pm) for speakers, community members, symposium organizers

8 and 8:30pm - buses depart from IAS back to the hotel

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The organizers would like to express special thanks to Farmer Rob Flory for sourcing local ingredients, Marley Fisher (Munsee-Delaware Nation) for advising, and Jared Batson (Onion Bulb Catering) for working together to create nourishing meals for the community on Day 3 of the event.

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