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MUNSEE LANGUAGE & **HISTORY SYMPOSIUM**

LUNAAPAHKIING, HULUNIIXSUWAAKAN, LUNAAPEEWAK

(Munsee Land, Munsee Language, Munsee People)

Munsee Language & History Symposium

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3-5 November 2023

This 3rd annual event takes place during the
Shayeewi Koon Niipaahum (First Snow Moon) on
Lunaapahkiing, at Princeton University and the Institute for
Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. This event continues
and deepens ongoing relationships with Lunaapeewak
(Lenape people) from the Munsee-speaking tribal nations
currently living in diaspora, bringing them together with IAS and
Princeton students, staff, and faculty on their own traditional
territory, Lunaapahkiing.

Indigenous language revitalization counteracts the violent history of settler colonial regimes, including boarding schools where Native children were forced to speak English exclusively. Speakers at the 2023 Munsee symposium will focus on archival evidence pertaining to these boarding schools, as well as on public history, the role of libraries and archives, and the development of K-12 curriculum.

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Friday 3 November

8-9:15 am | IAS, Simons Hall, Dining Hall Coffee Lounge

Breakfast for invited participants (please show your name tag to servery cashier)

9:30-10 am | IAS, Wolfensohn Hall

Opening remarks: How are Lunaapeew communities related?

10-11:15 am | IAS, Wolfensohn Hall

Opening lecture: Reclaiming the Stories of Our Families

Cody Groat (Kanyen'kehaka, Six Nations / Western University)

11:15 am-12:30 pm | IAS, Wolfensohn Hall

Session 1: Lunaapeewak in Public History: Indigenous Soldiers in the British, Canadian, and US Armed Forces

Jo Ann Gardner Schedler and Jacob Lenz (Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians)

John Moses (Kanyen'kehaka and Delaware, Six Nations / Canadian Museum of History)

12:30-1:45 pm | IAS, Simons Hall, Dining Hall Coffee Lounge

Lunch for invited participants (please show your name tag to servery cashier)

Afternoon session at Princeton University, Firestone Library

2:00pm - Transportation to Princeton provided for speakers, their families, and organizers. Pickup is in Parking Lot B, near the Dining Hall, beside the West Building.

2:30-3:45 p.m. | Firestone Library, A6F

Session 2: Munsee Belongings

Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation / OISE, University of Toronto)
"Munsee-Delaware Wampum Belts"

Suzanne Conklin Akbari and Melissa Moreton (IAS), "Lunaapeewak at Princeton and Lunaape Book History"

3:45 to 4:45 p.m. | Firestone Library, Special Collections

Book and map display presented by Gabriel Swift

(Princeton University Library, Special Collections)

4:45 to 5:30 p.m. | Firestone Library, A6F Session 3: Reclaiming Lunaape Knowledge

Velma Noah-Nicholas (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit / Western University)

(Transportation from Princeton University Firestone Library back to IAS provided for speakers, their families, and organizers)

6:45 pm | IAS, Simons Hall, Dilworth Room

Dinner for invited participants

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Saturday 4 November

8-9:15 am | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Breakfast for invited participants

9:30-10:45 am | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Session 4 | Teaching Lunaape Language: Community Updates (roundtable discussion)

Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation; OISE, U. Toronto)
Velma Noah-Nicholas (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit)
Karelle Hall (Nanticoke Indian Tribe)
Kristin Jacobs (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit)

10:45 am - Coffee Break

11 am-12:15 pm | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Session 5 | Resources for Lunaape Language Learning

Jamie Tucker (Munsee-Delaware Nation) and Sreeniketh Vogoti (Princeton University) "Towards a Digital Munsee Dictionary"

Kristin Jacobs (Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit), "Using Lunaape Language Camp Videos in Teaching"

12:30-1:45 pm | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Lunch buffet – all are welcome

Sunday 5 November

8-9:30 am | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Breakfast for invited participants

10 am-Noon | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Talking Circles: What are Princeton's responsibilities with regard to land acknowledgement?

This **Talking Circle** will focus on the topic of land acknowledgment, and what acknowledgement would mean on this specific land. The Talking Circle will have four or five presenters, who will speak for 6-8 minutes each; there will also be respondents in the circle, who will speak more briefly, as well as a 'speaker' who will guide the progress of the circle. Finally,

the circle will include all of those in the room, whose participation consists both of witnessing and adding something more, if needed, when invited by the speaker at the end of each movement around the circle. In this way, the responses make up a shared effort to approach knowledge, the thing that is cherished and hidden.

This way of conducting a **Talking Circle** was shared by the late Lee Maracle, in circles organized in Tkaronto and on Zoom in 2018-2021.

12-1:15 pm | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Lunch for speakers, respondents, and witnesses

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2-3:45 pm | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Session 6 | Representing Lunaapeewak in School Curricula (roundtable discussion)

Rachel Talbert, Natacha Robert, and Nancy Tavarez-Correa (Teachers College, Columbia University)

Claire Garland (Sand Hill / Navesink)

Karelle Hall (Nanticoke Indian Tribe; Rutgers University)

Ian McCallum (Munsee-Delaware Nation; OISE, U. Toronto)

3:45 pm - Coffee Break

4-5 pm | IAS, Wolfensohn Hall

S.T. Lee Lecture Lunaape History, Colonial Archives, and Munsee Historical Methods

Plenary Lecture by **Mary Jane Logan McCallum** (Munsee-Delaware Nation / University of Winnipeg)

The public lecture is made possible by the Dr. S.T. Lee Fund for Historical Studies.

5-5:30 pm

Closing Discussion

Future directions and pathways, news, and upcoming events

5:30 pm | IAS, Rubenstein Commons

Dinner for invited participants

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