



APRIL 4, 2025

## UNAMI LANGUAGE & HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Lenape Land, Lenape Language,  
Lenape People



COVER PHOTO: Confluence of Stony Brook and the Millstone River (Lake Carnegie), Princeton, NJ, 15 July 2023

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**Friday April 4, 2025**

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

This Unami-centered Symposium is based on the model of the Munsee Language & History Symposia that have been held annually at Princeton University and the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) since 2021. At the time of the fourth annual Munsee Symposium (31 Oct-2 Nov 2024), Unami language keepers from the Delaware Tribe of Indians (Bartlesville, OK) and Delaware Nation (Anadarko, OK) expressed the desire to hold a small symposium at Princeton focused on Unami language, modelled on the Munsee-centered symposia; the spring semester was chosen to maximize connections with Princeton courses in Indigenous Studies. A few Munsee language keepers will be in attendance as listeners to encourage sharing of strategies and knowledge. Language keepers across all communities, along with Princeton and IAS partners, are seeking out ways to bring together Lenape people on Lenapehokink / Lunaapahkiing in various overlapping configurations. The hope is to gradually strengthen relationships across the communities with a particular focus on Lenape language reclamation and revitalization, both Munsee and Unami.

The Unami Language and History Symposium is linked to three Indigenous Studies courses being taught at Princeton University this spring. Kēhaulani Kauanui is connecting her Anthropology Department course “Decolonizing Indigenous Genders and Sexualities” (ANT 435, cross-listed with EFF and GSS) to the Unami Symposium with a panel on language and gender. In the English Department, Robbie Richardson is connecting his course “Indigenous Literature and Culture: Not Your Mascot” (ENG 342 / AMS 349) to the Unami Symposium, with a panel on Lenape belongings and story. And Allison Madia is planning to incorporate the Unami Symposium into her syllabus for “Race, Indigeneity, and the Environment” (AMS 262 / ENV 262) with a panel on Lenape relationships to land.

## SCHEDULE

**All sessions take place:**

Louis A. Simpson International Building, B60 A+B+C,  
20 Washington Road, Princeton University

**9-9:30** Coffee service and light breakfast

**9:30-10:30** Opening remarks

**10:30-11** Coffee break

**11-12:30 SESSION 1 - “Lenape Belongings, Lenape Language, Lenape History”**

Coordinated with Prof. Robbie Richardson’s English Department class “Indigenous Literature and Culture: Not Your Mascot,” ENG 342 / AMS 349.

**12:30-1:30** Lunch for presenters and registrants

**1:30-3 SESSION 2 - “Lenape'ok, Gender, and Language”**

Coordinated with Prof. Kēhaulani Kauanui’s Anthropology Department class “Decolonizing Indigenous Genders and Sexualities,” ANT 435 / AMS 435 / GSS 415.

**3-3:30** Coffee break

**3:30-5 SESSION 3 - “Lenape Relationships to Land”**

Coordinated with Dr. Allison Madia’s Effron Center class “Race, Indigeneity, and the Environment,” AMS 262 / ENV 262.

**5-5:15** Closing and future directions

**5:30** Dinner for presenters and invited guests

## NOTES

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### Presenters:

#### ***Delaware Tribe (Bartlesville, OK):***

Chief Brad KillsCrow

Nicky Kay Michael

River Michael-Bread

Katlynn Hanks

Tahkoken Michael-Bread

#### ***Delaware Nation (Anadarko, OK):***

Nick Logan

Alana Sadongei

Taniah Kay Owings

Simeon Owings

#### ***Munsee-Delaware Nation:***

Ian Logan McCallum

#### ***Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit:***

Kristin Jacobs

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*Wanishi to the participants for attending and  
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