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### **Senior Readings Seminar in Native American Studies Capstone Course Syllabus**

**Course Description:** "Senior reading capstone course for the review of past and current literature on American Indians." This is a senior/graduate readings seminar in Native American Studies designed to review past, present and future themes. By focusing on current, historical, anthropological, community-based, and literary writings, the course will enable students to read and discuss past, present and future issues and trends.

**Purpose:** This course serves as an analytical review of the coursework for the Native American Studies major. As such, students will show a firm grasp of issues and literature that has been the focus of study throughout their tenure as NAS majors. Some of the readings will be review, many will be new to the student, who must be able to articulate their meaning both orally and in written form. We will address several questions during the course of the semester, both directly and indirectly. What role does Native American studies play for people in and/or working in Native communities? What are the major issues in Indian communities – currently, historically, socially, culturally? What is the role of the individual within community/society? What is unique to Indian America?

#### **Schedule:**

Week 1: *Introduction:* Allen, "Spies Like Us;" Shanley, "The Indians America Loves to Love;" Smith, *Decolonizing Methodologies* (Introduction), Medicine, *Learning*, Part 1

Week 2: *Interpretation:* Rubin, "Indian Givers;" Dalton, "White Skin Privilege;" Miller, "Native America Writes Back;" Beck, "'Collecting among the Menomini;" Pasley, "Midget on Horseback"

**Reports:** Gould, *Mismeasure of Man*  
Tierney, *Darkness in Eldorado*

Week 3: *Traditional Societies:* Pascua, "Ozette;" Heavy Runner and Morris, "Traditional Native Culture and Resilience;" Greaves, "IPR;" Davies, "Navajo Healing;" Barsh, "Ethnogenesis"

**Reports:** Schele and Freidel, *Forest of Kings*  
Johnston, *The Manitous*

Week 4: *Oral Tradition/Literate Tradition:* Deloria, *Waterlily* Chapter 8; Northrup, Selections; Wilson, "Story Telling;" Finney, "With Myth."

**Reports:** Earling, *Perma Red*  
Yellow Robe, *Grandchildren*

Week 5: *Invasion*: McNeil, "How the Potato;" White, "The Middle Ground;" Fussell, "Translating Maize into Corn;" Canny, "The Ideology of English Colonization;" Dempsey, "Small Pox;"

**Reports:** Greymorning, *A Will to Survive*  
Calloway, *New Worlds for All*

Week 6: *Ecology and Subsistence*: Johnsen, "A Culturally Correct Proposal;" Ruppert, "Buying Secrets;" Salish-Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee; Peacock and Turner, "Just Like a Garden;"

**Reports:** Krech, *The Ecological Indian*  
Binnema, *Common and Contested Ground*

Week 7: *Economic Development*: Albers, "From Legend to Land to Labor;" Bonnin, "Oklahoma's Poor Rich Indians;" Johnson, "Indian Casinos;" York, "Hobbema;" Bauer, "Working for Identity;" Booth, "If the Cattle Are Going to Die"

**Reports:** Ambler, *Breaking the Iron Bonds*  
Harmon, *Rich Indians*

Week 8: *Religion*: Dowd, "Thinking and Believing;" McLeary, "Ethnohistory of Pentecostalism;" Farr, "Troubled Bundles, Troubled Blackfeet;" Medicine, *Learning*, Chapter 18-19; Gross, "Bimaadiziwin;" Salisbury, "Embracing Ambiguity"

**Reports:** Deloria, *The World We Used to Live In*  
Tedlock, *Popol Vuh*

**Term Paper Topic abstract and list of sources due**

Week 9: *Religious Freedom*: Boxberger, "My Science Can Beat Up Your Science;" Huckleberry, "A Scientist's Perspective;" Hrdlička, "Directions for Collecting;" Deloria, "A Simple Question of Humanity;" Dumont, "The Politics of Scientific Objections to Repatriation" *Bonnischen v. U.S.*

**Reports:** Gordon-McCutchan, *The Taos Indians*  
Mihesuah, *Repatriation Reader*

Week 10: *Gender and Family*: Miller, "Contemporary Tribal Codes and Gender Issues;" Medicine, *Learning*, Part 3 and Part 5

**Reports:** Perdue, *Sifters*  
Ackerman, *A Necessary Balance*

Week 11: *Education*: Beck, "American Indian Higher Education;" Kipp, *Encouragement, Guidance, Insights*; Greymorning, "Going Beyond Words;" Medicine, *Learning*, Part 2

**Reports:** Cleary and Peacock, *Collected Wisdom*  
Szasz, *Education and the American Indian*

Week 12: *Federal Policy*: Carter, "U.S. Federal Indian Policy;" Rosenthal, "Indian Claims and the American Conscience;" Thompson, "The De Facto Termination of Alaska Native Sovereignty;" Treaty with the Blackfeet, 1855; Agreement with the Blackfeet

**Reports:** Cobb, *Native Activism*

VanDevelder, *Coyote Warrior*

Week 13: *Sovereignty and Governance*: Haddock and Miller, "Sovereignty;" Margold, "Solicitor's Opinion;" Clow, "The Anatomy of a Lakota Shooting;" *Honoring Nations* (Select and read four reports from the website)

**Reports:** Anaya, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law*  
Miller, *Invisible Indigenes*

Week 14: *Identity*: Campbell, "The Lemhi Shoshoni;" Beck, "Developing a Voice;" Johnston, "Precious Languages;" Davies, "How Boarding School Basketball;" Hau'ofi, "Our Sea of Islands;" Medicine, *Learning*, Part 6; LaPier, "'Between Hay and Grass'"

**Reports:** Deloria, *Indians in Unexpected Places*  
Fisher, *Shadow Tribe*

**TERM PAPER DUE**

**Readings**

**Book to Purchase:**

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*Honoring Nations, Celebrating Excellence in Tribal Government*. Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. Available under the Honoring Nations tab at <http://hpaied.org/>

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### Grading percentages

Discussion Papers: 20  
Class Participation: 20  
Book Presentations: 20  
Book Reviews: 20  
Abstract and bibliography for term paper: 5  
Term Paper: 15

### Assignments:

- 1) Discussion Papers: Each Tuesday beginning week 2 bring a 2-3 page typed single space (12 point font) list of questions and comments from the readings that you can use for discussion. These will be graded simply on a check or no check basis. *Note: You may skip up to five articles, but no more than one in any given week. You must indicate in your notes when you are choosing to skip at article, and which one.*
- 2) Class participation. Attend each class and participate in group discussion
- 3) Book presentations: You will read four books from the Reports list and report to the class on these, as well as write a short review for each (see #4 for reviews). Presentations will be graded on content, organization, preparation, and delivery. 5 points each. **You must make the presentation on the day assigned or you will receive a 0 for the assignment. If you must miss the assigned day, you may switch dates with someone else. If you fail to do so, you will receive a 0 for the assignment. No exceptions/no excuses/no makeups.**
- 4) 4 book reviews. Write a summary and analysis of each of the four readings you signed up for/were assigned 3-4 pages (maximum 1000 words). 5 points each. Due in class on the day of the presentation.
- 5) Term Paper: Select what you think is the most significant issue in Indian country today. Write a research paper on the topic showing a mastery of the literature relating to the topic you choose. You may use internet sources only with the approval of the instructor. Documentary research or field research are acceptable. 12-18 pages, typed, double spaced. Follow Dr. Dave's Rules for Writing. Paper topic abstract and source list due March 21. Final paper due final Tuesday of class.

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