

## Grand Valley State University's History Department presents the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes History Conference 2009

All conference events will be held at the Robert C. Pew Campus of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The evening events are free and open to the public. There is a registration fee for the Saturday conference, which includes the luncheon and Saturday keynote address. Parking is available at the GVSU Fulton and Front Street Lots. Seating is limited.

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009** - This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Loosemore Auditorium, Richard M. DeVos Center

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Special Guest: Dennis Banks

Movie: *We Shall Remain: Episode V – Wounded Knee* - followed by a firsthand discussion with Dennis Banks. Book signing with books available for purchase.

Dennis Banks (Ojibwe) is one of the co-founders of the American Indian Movement (AIM). AIM began in Minneapolis in 1968 to prevent police brutality against urban Indians. It grew rapidly during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Banks took a leading role in the decisions leading to the takeovers of Alcatraz Island and Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Washington D.C., to bring attention to the poor living conditions American Indians endured throughout the United States. In 2004, he authored *Ojibwa Warrior: Dennis Banks and the Rise of the American Indian Movement*.

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Auditorium, L.V. Eberhard Center

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Movie: *The Business of Fancydancing* (Written & directed by Sherman Alexie)

Special Guests: Paul Collins, Jennifer Gauthier, Shannon Martin

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – These events are free of charge and open to the public.

L.V. Eberhard Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**5:15 p.m.:** Traditional Native American Ceremony - Auditorium

**5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.:** Journey to Forgiveness: Implications for Social Change

Special Guests: Hunter Genia, George Martin, Shannon Martin

**7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** Room 215 – Seating is limited.

**Keynote Address: Sherman Alexie**

Title: *Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic & Highly Irreverent Look at the World*

Book signing after the keynote address. Books will be available for purchase at the lecture.

Mr. Sherman Alexie is an author, poet and screenwriter. He was named one of *The New Yorker's* 20 Top Writers for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. *The New York Times Book Review* described him as “one of the major lyric voices of our time.” He has written several books, including *Reservation Blues*, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian*, and *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. He wrote and co-produced the film *Smoke Signals*.

Additional seating available at the Loosemore Auditorium in the Richard M. DeVos Center.

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Great Lakes History Conference

L.V. Eberhard Center – Registration for the conference can be found online at [www.gvsu.edu/history](http://www.gvsu.edu/history)

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Theme: *Indigenous Peoples of the Globe: Colonization & Adaptation*

Scholars from a wide range of fields and disciplines will present ideas and research relating to the conference theme.

12:45 p.m.

**Keynote Address: Dr. Ned Blackhawk, Yale University**

*Surviving the American Conquest: Themes in Contemporary American History*

Dr. Ned Blackhawk is a professor of History and American Studies at Yale University. He holds graduate degrees in history from the University of Washington and the University of California, Los Angeles. He is the author of the award-winning study *Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West*. Professor Blackhawk has written and lectured widely on issues regarding American Indian history. An enrolled member of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, he taught for ten years at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, before joining the faculty at Yale.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A reception follows the conference at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, including a special tour of the Anishinaabe exhibit.