

**Grand Valley State University's Department of History
The 34th Annual Great Lakes History Conference**

**Indigenous Peoples of the Globe: Colonization and Adaptation
November 13 & 14, 2009**

Coordinators: Matthew Daley & Scott Stabler

The 34th annual Great Lakes History Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 13 & 14, 2009. The theme is "Indigenous Peoples of the Globe: Colonization and Adaptation."

**Friday, November 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m., L.V. Eberhard Center, Robert C. Pew Campus
Special Guest: Mr. Sherman Alexie**

Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic & Highly Irreverent Look at the World
Introduction by President Thomas Haas, GVSU

Mr. Alexie is an author, poet and screenwriter. He was named one of *The New Yorker's* 20 Top Writers for the 21st 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*.

A book signing will follow the lecture. Books will be available for purchase.

Seating is limited. Additional seating will be available in the Eberhard Auditorium, the Loosemore Auditorium, and Classrooms 136C and 138C at the Richard M. DeVos Center.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Saturday, November 14, 2009 – 34th Annual Great Lakes History Conference
L.V. Eberhard Center, Robert C. Pew Campus, Grand Rapids
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: Registration information for the Saturday conference can be found at www.gvsu.edu/history under the Great Lakes History Conference link.

AGENDA:

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration & Welcome

SESSIONS/TIMES:

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

PANEL 1: Identity and Profession in Grand Rapids
Room 201

Paper Title/Participants:

1. Etta Smith Wilson: The Successful Integration of the Life and Career of a Native American/White Woman

Cindy Laug, Grand Valley State University

Connie Ingham, Grand Valley State University

Chair & Commentator: Diana Barrett, Grand Rapids Historical Commission

PANEL 2: Creating and Challenging Traditional Narratives

Room 310

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Frontier Women: Two Views of the Nineteenth-Century American West

Kathy S. Mason, University of Findlay

2. "A Living, Moving Population": Textual Tourism and American Indian Appropriation in Iowa's Great Lakes Region

Jennifer McGovern, University of Iowa

3. Colonization and Adaptation: An Indigenous Perspective from the Journals of Ezhaaswe (William A. Elias), 1851-1929

David T. McNab, York University

4. The Truth About Colonization: Teaching Indigenous Studies Courses

Phil Bellfy, Michigan State University

Chair & Commentator: George Milne, Oakland University

PANEL 3: A Broader View: Indigenous Peoples in Transnational Perspective

Room 314

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Constructing Identity in Transnational Contexts: Aboriginal Peoples as Indigenous Transnationals

Christopher Wright, Trent University

2. Perspectives on the Impact of Historical and Contemporary Terrorism on the World's Indigenous Peoples

Ken DeLong, Montcalm Community College

Chair & Commentator: Brad Jarvis, Saginaw Valley State University

PANEL 4: Parliaments, Wealth and Religion in the Spanish Colonies

Room 317

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. A Stage for Two Worlds: Origins and Dynamics of Spanish-Mapuche Conferences, 1536-1683

Francis Goicovich, University of Texas, Austin and Universidad de Chile

2. Command Decisions: The Conquest of Mexico and the Friedman-Savage Utility Function

- Scott Martin, Independent Researcher
3. Baptizing the Mexica: The Migration of Catholicism in Colonial Mexico
Annmarie Valdes, Oakton Community College

Chair & Commentator: Jonathan Hagood, Hope College

10:15 am – 11:45 am

PANEL 5: Grand Rapids On Wheels
Room 310

Papers/Participants:

1. Bold Riders of the Iron Steed: The Bicycle and Grand Rapids
Jim Schuyler, Grand Rapids Public Library
2. The GM Fisher Body Plant: John Cassleman's Christmas Gift to Grand Rapids
John Cassleman, Independent Researcher

Chair & Commentator: Veronica Kandl, Grand Rapids Public Museum

PANEL 6: Education, AIM and Grand Rapids, Michigan: A Look Back on the Closing
Bimaadiziwin High School
Room 201

Chair & Commentator: Dennis Banks

PANEL 7: Negotiating Social and Legal Relationships in the Great Lakes Region
Room 314

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Contesting Meanings of Landscape: Ottawa Responses to U.S. Colonialism in the Maumee Valley, 1820-1839
Steven Littleton, Northern Arizona University
2. "We wish to stay among the whites': Michigan Native American Resistance and Accommodation to the Government Removal Program of 1839
Cameron Wood, Oakland University
3. A Legal History of Anishinaabe Tribal Property
Matthew L.M. Fletcher, Michigan State University, College of Law
4. The Unintended Consequences of the Dawes Act on Native American Communities in Michigan
Patricia Shackleton, Independent Researcher

Chair & Commentator: Bradley Gills, Grand Valley State University

PANEL 8: Native American Identity and the Visual Arts
Room 317

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. "Fine Ponies": Cars in American Indian Film and Literature
Julie Tharp, University of Wisconsin, Marshfield/Wood County
2. Native Voices, Native Visions: Indigenous Peoples and the Challenges of Self-Representation
Jennifer L. Gauthier, Randolph College
3. Turtle Island and University of California, Berkley
Lee Sprague (Former Ogema, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians), Consultant,
University of Berkley

Chair & Commentator: Jeff Smith, Grand Rapids Institute for Information Democracy

PANEL 9: Breathing Fire at Stones: Awakening Indigenous Knowledge through Language Revitalization
Room 423

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Post-Contact Colonization Chippeway/Ojibwe Language Adaptation and Evolution in the Great Lakes Area
Janis Fairbanks, Michigan State University
2. Land, Language and Removal: The Effect of Removal on Language Loss and Maintenance in Anishinaabek Communities
Adam Haviland, Michigan State University

Chair & Commentator: Dawn Marsh, Purdue University

PANEL 10: Challenging the European Empires in Africa and the Middle East
Room 515

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Ties to Home? Distant Schooling Experiences of Dahomeyan Youth
Farina King, University of Wisconsin, Madison
2. Figurative Dialogues: Aimé Mpane, Post-Colonial Theory, and the Limits of Representation
Steven Cody, University of Maryland
3. Colonial Anxiety and the Origins of the Native Baptist Church in German Cameroon, 1885-1914
Kenneth J. Orosz, Buffalo State College
4. Singing Imperialism, Sigmund Romberg's 'The Desert Song'
James Wright, Triton College

Chair & Commentator: Joseph Bangura, Kalamazoo College

LUNCHEON – 12 Noon – Grand River Room, L.V. Eberhard Center – Room 215

Keynote Address – 12:45 pm

Special Guest: Dr. Ned Blackhawk, Yale University

Surviving the American Conquest: Themes in Contemporary American History

Introduction by GVSU Dr. Simone Jonaitis

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.

SESSIONS/TIMES:

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

PANEL 11: Uncovering Stories of People and Places – Public and Private
Room 201

Papers/Participants:

1. An Indispensable Legal Mind: Ella Mae Backus, Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, 1895-1938
Ruth Stevens, Grand Valley State University
2. From Reed’s to Ramona: A Park is Born
Gail Snow, Independent Researcher

Chair/Commentator: Shirley DeBoer, Grand Rapids Historical Commission

PANEL 12: Whose Museum Is It Really? The Public Museum, Scientific Study and Human Rights
Room 203

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Christian G. Carron, Director of Education, Interpretation and Research, Grand Rapids Public Museum
2. Eric Hemenway, National NAGPRA Review Committee Member and Research and Repatriation Assistant with Little Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa Indians
3. Marilyn Merdzinski, Director of Collections and Preservation, Grand Rapids Public Museum

Chair/Commentator: Debra Muller, Planner and Norton Mounds Project Manager,
Grand Rapids Public Museum

PANEL 13: Urban Anishinaabe Oral History Project
Room 215A

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Anishnaabemowin-speaking elders - TBA
2. Don Lyons (Leech Lake Ojibwe), Michigan State University
3. Allard Teeple, Jr. (Bay Mills Anishnaabe/Dinè), Michigan State University
4. Dylan Miner, (Métis) Michigan State University

Chair/Commentator: Audience and Panel

PANEL 14: Education in Indigenous Arizona Communities

Room 215G

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Defining the National Culture and Language: 1970s Bilingual/Bicultural Education Litigation in Guadalupe, Arizona

Lindsey Passenger, Northern Arizona University

2. Bicultural Education on the Navajo Nation

Mary Sulek, Grand River Preparatory School

Chair/Commentator: Brian S. Collier, University of Notre Dame

PANEL 15: Colonization, Conflict and Concepts: The Indigenous People of South Africa

Room 310

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. The Anatomy of a South African Genocide: The Extermination of the Cape San Peoples

Mohamed Adhikari, University of Cape Town

2. Constructing an 'Indigenous' Identity: The Case of Afrikaner Nationalism in Modern South Africa

Patrick J. Furlong, Alma College

3. Preservation through Civilization: The Locations System of Early British Natal

Jacob Mckinnon Ivey, University of Central Florida

4. Reclaiming the Sky as a Cultural Resource: Astronomy and Indigenous Knowledge in South Africa

Keith Snedegar, Utah Valley University

Chair/Commentator: Ahmad Rahman, The University of Michigan, Dearborn

PANEL 16: Cross-Cultural Service Learning with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe: From Fry Bread to Facebook to Forgiveness

Room 314

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Karen VanderLaan, Grand Valley State University

2. Tammy Shelley, Grand Valley State University

3. Katrina Miller, Grand Valley State University

Chair/Commentator: Patricia Stow Bolea, Grand Valley State University

PANEL 17: GVSU Student Panel

Room 317

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Historic Band of Brothers

Mike Burns, Grand Valley State University

2. Headdresses, Tonto and the Tomahawk Chop: Negotiating Stereotypes and Promoting Tolerance in Elementary Schools
Colleen Burns, Grand Valley State University
3. Human Rights Violations and Colonial History
Petra Alsoofy, Grand Valley State University
4. Driving American Foreign Relations: Economics
Josh Duram, Grand Valley State University
5. From Soldadera to Adelita: The Depiction of Women During the Mexican Revolution
Delia Fernandez, Grand Valley State University

Chair/Commentator: Alice Chapman & Doug Montagna, Grand Valley State University

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PANEL 18: Grief, Loss and Remembrance in the Furniture City
Room 201

Papers/Participants:

1. Grand Rapids' Way of Death: Mourning, Burial and Commemoration in the Modern Way, 1870-1920
Rory Acker, Grand Valley State University
2. A Mausoleum Tells a Family's and a City's History
Jennifer Morrison, Grand Rapids Public Library and MI-Stories.com

Chair/Commentator: Candace Chivis, Grand Rapids Historical Commission

PANEL 19: Interracial Institution Building in the Nineteenth-Century
Room 203

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Under One Big Tent: Labor and Defying Racial Boundaries in Midwestern Circus Towns
Sakina Hughes, Michigan State University
2. Education, Abolition and the Quaker Indian School
Rebecca Lynn Nutt, Michigan State University
3. "And Devils Dragged Him Off to Hell": Cherokee Cultural Continuity and Resistance
Stuart Willis, Michigan State University

Chair: Ned Blackhawk, Yale University

Commentator: Kathleen P. Chamberlain, Eastern Michigan University

PANEL 20: Tribal Nation Building and Law Enforcement: A Multi-Level Interactive Relationship
Room 215A

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Indian Country Law Enforcement in 2009
Jeff Davis, Assistant United States Attorney
2. Making Connections: Tribal Nation Building

Derek Bailey, Tribal Chairman, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

PANEL 21: Religious Belief, Identity and Missionaries Reconsidering the Narratives
Room 310

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. The Almighty Never Designed the Earth for a Few Hordes of Wandering Murdering Savages': Army Chaplains & the Indigenous People of the American West
Alan K. Lamm, Mount Olive College
2. "Bringing Civil Society and Christian Religion to the New World": Religion vs. Self-Interest in the English Colonization of North America and Attempted Conversion of Indigenous Peoples, 1607-1660
Bryan C. Rindfleisch, University of Oklahoma
3. I Just Call My God 'I'toi: Religious Adaptation Within the Ak-Chin Santo Him Dak
Diane Meneses, Arizona State University

Chair/Commentator: Sean O'Neill, Grand Valley State University

PANEL 22: Strategy, Interest and Identity: British and American Colonization
Room 215G

Paper Titles/Participants:

1. Britain's Imperial Strategic Interests and the Kashmir Dispute in 1947
Yuanmei Yao, Peking University
2. Conquest and Welsh Identity
Erin Klitzke, Oakland University
3. Take Up the White Man's Burden: Racism and Humanitarianism?
Jon Krohn, Independent Scholar
4. Congress and the Philippine Independence (Tydings-McDuffie) Act of 1934
Philip A. Grant, Jr., Pace University

Chair/Commentator: Marc Baer, Hope College

Reception immediately following at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

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