The Shaping of Identity and Research: Purdue Scholars Share Experiences from Indigenous Heritage and Cultural and Social Challenges

Dr. Stephanie Zywicki, Assistant Professor
Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Purdue University
Dr. Zywicki will talk about her work as an Indigenous scholar, and how she uses Indigenous methodologies to study the P-20 education system.

Raymond Red Corn, ESE Graduate Student at Purdue University
Title: Osage Reign of Terror
The discovery of oil on the Osage Reservation lead to the small tribe earning the title of “the richest nation on earth” in the 1920s. However, it came with severe corruption, greed, and murder. This talk will re-trace the events leading up to the Osage Reign of Terror all the way to present day through the use of oral history and legal documents; illustrating the entanglement of natural resources, Osage sovereignty, and cultural transformation.

Darryl Reano, Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary Sciences, Graduate Student at Purdue University
Acoma Pueblo is a National Historic Landmark that is on of the oldest continually inhabited villages in the United States. Generations of Acoma people have lived atop the mesa in west-central New Mexico making pottery, building their homes out of rock and mud, and farming the land at the base of the mesa. The Acoma Pueblo community is literally embedded in the stratigraphy of the eastern Colorado Plateau. Knowledge of specific rocks and their uses have been passed on between generations for thousands of years. Few non-Native scientists, however, have interacted with the Acoma community and so no connection currently exists between the Western concept of stratigraphy and the cultural framework of the Acoma community. This talk will present a practical approach to teaching Acoma Pueblo community members about Western geologic concepts using Acoma Pueblo’s Traditional Knowledge as points of reference for creating culturally-relevant, place-based educational activities.

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