

SOVEREIGNTY: RECLAIMING VOICE AND AUTHORITY

Winter 2004 Preview

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Program Description:

The purpose of our program is to identify and contextualize social issues within the framework of sovereignty. The previous Fall quarter focused on the politics of discovery and the resulting effect it had on other societies, how Indigenous communities in North America view sovereignty, and the new American imperialism and its implications for culture and identity. The Winter quarter will more closely deconstruct the challenges to and strengthening of sovereignty by experiencing Native art and literature, Indigenous education and political ideology, globalization, and Orientalism. Our examination of art and literature will reveal the creative expressions and narratives that personalize the topic of sovereignty. A survey of Indigenous education and political action present us with an opportunity to learn about the desires of Indigenous communities and the sense of leadership that is advancing an Indigenous worldview. Not surprisingly, awareness of sovereignty will take us to different disciplines (humanities, Native American studies, economics, humanities, cultural studies, and political science, among others). We will be viewing sovereignty in its local, historical, cultural, and global contexts.

The concept of sovereignty in its varying manifestations lends itself to critical analysis. In addition, weekly writing assignments will improve the writing skills. Participation in the classroom, particularly in seminar, will improve the ability to articulate ideas and find, as well as develop, our voice.

All Program and Seminar Schedule:

Meeting Times:

Tuesday

9am-11:00am.....All-Program Meeting.....Longhouse 1007 & 1007a.....
12:30-2:30pmAckley Seminar.....Library 4004.....
.....Pavel Seminar.....Library 1600.....
.....Shariff SeminarLab I 1051

Wednesday

10am-1pm.....All Program Meeting.....Library 1612.....

Thursday

10am-12:00pm.....All-Program Lecture.....Longhouse 1007 &1007a.....
1-3pmAll Program Meeting.....Lecture Hall 4.....

Texts*: (all books are on reserve at the library)

Hogan, Linda. *The Woman Who Watches over the World: a Native Memoir*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2002.

Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*. New York: Zed Books Ltd., 1999.

Alfred, Taiaiake. *Peace, Power and Righteousness: an Indigenous Manifesto*. Oxford University Press, 1999.

Wilkins, David E. *American Indian Politics and the American Political System*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers Inc., 2002.

Said, Edward W. *Orientalism*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1978.

Spiglit, Joseph E. *Globalization and its Discontents*. New York : W. W. Norton & Company, 2002

*additional readings will be announced later