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Reimagining Social Justice: Coalitions and Coalitional Possibilities

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SPECIAL THANKS TO:
Dr. Ashley Boyd [she/her], Faculty Mentor
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Stephany Runninghawk Johnson, Ph.D. and Ben Alexi Dupris

We are pleased to share that our Friday keynote will be delivered by Stephany Runninghawk Johnson. Dr. Stephany RunningHawk Johnson, a member of the Oglala Lakota nation, focuses her research on recruiting, retaining and supporting Indigenous students attending universities and majoring in science fields, with a particular emphasis on how the philosophy behind the way science courses are taught creates barriers for Indigenous students, as well as other students of color. All of Stephany’s work is dedicated to supporting Nation building, Tribal sovereignty, and empowering Indigenous communities and students in working toward social justice.

We are also thrilled to announce that Ben-Alex Dupris, a member of the Miniconjou Lakota nation and the Colville Confederated Tribes, as well as an award-winning filmmaker, will provide our Saturday, closing keynote address and a screening of his short film "Sweetheart Dancers." Dupris creates work that pushes the boundaries of modernity and traditionalism, changing perspectives of Indigenous concepts without censorship. “Sweetheart Dancers” shows a slice of the emotions and challenges of decolonization from the perspectives of Adrian and Sean, the first Two-Spirit couple entering into the popular couples’ competition, known as the “Sweetheart Dance,” that is held at powwows across the country.
# Program Schedule At-a-Glance

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**Themes:** “Land, Moving Beyond Acknowledgments and the Power of Coalitions”

## Saturday-March 13th

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**Themes:** “Identity, Representation, and Intersections”
Program Schedule – Detailed View

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9:00 – 9:15 a.m.  Opening Acknowledgment – Dr. Renee Holt

9:15 – 9:30 am   Welcome and Remarks

9:30 – 10:30 am  Opening Invited Speaker: Tai Simpson

Talk Title: “Indigenous Storytelling as a Political Lens”
Moderator: Julian Ankney  Respondent/Discussant: Rachel Ellenwood

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.  Zoom Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm  Session I

Panel Topic: “Moving Beyond the Land Acknowledgment”
Moderator: Dr. Renee Holt  Respondent/Discussant: Ray Acuna-Luna

Tipiziwin Tolman [she/her] Standing Rock Sioux, WSU Pullman and University of Victoria

12:00 to 1:00 pm  Virtual “Brown Bag” Lunch

1:00 to 1:30 pm  Zoom Break

1:30 – 2:30 pm  Session II

Panel Topic: “Remembering the Past, Acting in the Present, Imagining the Future”
Moderator: Julian Ankney  Respondent/Discussant: Keola Birano

“Women Can't Have Friends”
Dr. Beth Piatote [she/her] Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, Native American Studies, UC Berkeley

“Indigenous Methodology: Connecting Land, Language, and Stories”
Angel Sobotta [she/her] Niimiipuutimt Teacher, Nez Perce Language Program, Lapwai, ID

“Targeted Revitalization through Creativity”
Sarah Hennessey [she/her] Playwright and Poet

“Diverse Indigeneity: Exploring Intersectionality and Identity”
Kellen Trenal [he/him] Artist and Content Creator

2:30 to 3:00 pm  Zoom Break

3:00 to 4:30 pm  Keynote Address: Dr. Stephany Runninghawk Johnson
Moderator: Kathryn Manis  Respondent/Discussant: Dr. Ashley Boyd

4:30 - 5:00  Open Time to Discuss and Chat with One Another

Saturday, March 13th, 2020

9:00 – 9:15 am  Opening Poet: Marina Lotus [she/her]

Reading from her chapbook, "Halfrican"

9:15 to 10:15 am  Session I

Panel Title: “Latinx, Asian-American, & Muslim Americans: Constructing Coalitions from Love”
Moderator: RJ Murphy  Respondent/Discussant: Wyn Richards

Mitzi Ali Luna Cabellos [she/her] MA Student, English WSU

Dr. Robert Eddy/Salah Al-Din [they] English, WSU-Pullman

10:15 to 10:30 am  Zoom Break

10:30 to 11:30 am  Session II
Panel Topic: "Water is Life: Centering Water and Beating Back Big Oil in Solidarity with Indigenous Communities"
Moderator: Kathryn Manis  Respondent/Discussant: Brandon Edwards-Schuth

Roben White [he/him] Cheyenne/Lakota Activist, Organizer, and Consultant

Dr. Desiree Hellegers [she/they] Associate Professor, English, WSU-Vancouver & Co-Director of the Collective for Social and Environmental Justice

11:30 to 11:45 am  Zoom Break

11:45 – 12:45 pm  Session III

Panel Topic:  “Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and Arts of Resistance”
Moderator: Rachel Ellenwood  Respondent/Discussant: Misty Ellingburg

Video Compilation, Rachel Ellenwood

Panel Discussion:
Roxanne White [she/her] Organizer and Social Justice Advocate

Julian Ankney [she/her] Instructor, English, WSU

Jeanette Moody [she/her] Nimipuu Law Student, University of Idaho

12:45 to 1:30 pm  Lunch Break

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  Session IV

Panel Topic: Queering the Palouse: Possibilities through Coalitions
Moderator: Heather Ramos  Respondent/Discussant: Marco Cerqueria

Bucky McKenzie [he/him] Chair, President’s Commission on Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation

Marcela Pattinson [she/her] Assistant Director, Undocumented Initiatives

Matthew Jeffries, [he/him], Director, Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center
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