

Native Americans Today

The class is honored by a presentation by Ricardo Caté, who has been drawing the daily cartoon “Without Reservations” for the *Santa Fe New Mexican* since 2006. His wry and often poignant humor pokes fun at both the white man and the Native. He follows the ways of his Kewa Pueblo heritage and teaches on the reservation. He has three children and lives in the Santo Domingo Pueblo. For those who may not be familiar with his work, sample cartoons can be found at Rainbowman.com. (<https://www.rainbowman.com/ricardo-cate-paintings>)

Goal for Class

The goal of this class is to better understand the life of Native Americans today.

Questions for Discussion

After the presentation by Mr. Caté, the class will be able to ask him questions.

Additional Resources

- Changing the Way We See Native America, Photos by Matika Wilbur.
Created by Matika Wilbur, Project 562 is a multi-year national photography project dedicated to photographing over 562 federally recognized tribes in The United States resulting in an unprecedented repository of imagery and oral histories that accurately portrays contemporary Native Americans. <http://www.project562.com/gallery/>
- A Conversation with Native Americans on Race | Op-Docs (video, 7 min)
Young Natives grapple with the racist contradictions of a country that, many feel, would prefer it if Native Americans didn't exist. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siMal6QVbIE>
- America Is a Stolen Country (BBC video, 6 min)
Alcoholism, unemployment and suicide are problems associated with Native American reservations in the US. But a new generation of young activists are dedicating themselves to a brighter future. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM8WZ0ztMuc>
- 2020 Graduation - Santa Fe Indian School (2 hours)
Special broadcast of the 43rd Annual Santa Fe Indian School Graduation (virtual)

featuring Native American 2020 grads from around the state. Prerecorded.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3fCyYGH03o&feature=youtu.be>

- Our History Is Repeating Itself: Pandemics, Indigenous Peoples, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (42 minutes)

COVID-19 is not the first foreign disease to impact the lives of Indigenous peoples of the Americas, and the local Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) are no exception. The last one ended in around 1860 and resulted in a nearly 90% loss of tribal membership. While often depicted as a colonial force against which Indigenous people were powerless, recent research at CTUIR suggests that many who survived in the past did so by using “social distancing” practices similar to ones used today. This lecture focuses on CTUIR's current response to the COVID-19 pandemic in light of the memory of past pandemics experienced by CTUIR and other Indigenous peoples of the Americas. Note that this video was done several months ago and, although it has some rather interesting information, it does not necessarily reflect the current situation on the reservation. <https://www.whitman.edu/academics/covid-19-class/our-history-is-repeating-itself>

Action Items

- Care Bundles—The Santa Fe Indian Center is asking for donations for care bundles they distribute each month. They serve more than 700 Native families and individuals and especially need donations for babies, young children, and seniors. Please look at the flyer (<https://fpcsantafe.org/wp-content/uploads/SFIC-Care-Bundles.pdf>) to see the list of items they need and how to donate money if you would prefer to do that. Alice Tinkle has volunteered to coordinate donations, so please call her at (505) 986-1741 to arrange to drop items off at her house.
- Tipping Your Cap: A Salute to the 100 Anniversary of the Negro League. (<https://www.tippingyourcap.com/>) On June 29, 2020, four former United States presidents tipped their cap to the great players of the Negro Leagues, an unprecedented salute to the men and women denied the chance to play in the Major Leagues. Tip your cap. <https://www.tippingyourcap.com/stories/tip-your-cap-to-the-negro-leagues>
- Review 100 days till ElectionDay-100 ways to take action and do as many of the actions as you can. https://www.lwv.org/blog/100-days-and-100-ways-get-ready-election-day?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072620