

Message from the Director

December 13, 2016

Boozhoo! Greetings Students and Friends:

On behalf of the NMU Center for Native American Studies team, miigwech (thank you) for visiting our website. We are now embarking on our 20th year at NMU! This is a huge milestone and we have lots to celebrate.

At this past December's [mid-year commencement](#), the first trio of students working towards a baccalaureate degree in Native American Studies received their degrees (a first at NMU and in the State of Michigan), NAS associate professor, Dr. Martin Reinhardt was the commencement speaker (first-ever student choice), the Tribal Education (TEDNA) eagle staff was on the platform during the ceremony, and the Morning Thunder singers shared an eagle honor song for all of the graduates.

No rest for the wicked as they say. The winter 2017 semester is right around the corner. NAS will once again be offering a diverse and enriching array of Native American Studies classes including [online classes](#). Additionally, the CNAS team members are working to host the 2017 Michigan Indian Education Council's annual conference March 23-25. Finally, the CNAS team along with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is gearing up for the NSF INCLUDES program, Indigenous Women Working within Sciences (IWWS). To learn more about these events and programs, take time to view this [30-minute informational video](#) with yours truly.

Our Center also offers...

- the *only* [baccalaureate degree](#) in Native American Studies in the state of Michigan,
- an associate degree in [general university studies](#) with a concentration in NAS,
- a twenty-four credit interdisciplinary [NAS minor](#),
- a [TEDNA](#)-endorsed [undergraduate certification](#) in American Indian education,
- a [TEDNA](#)-endorsed concentration of online courses towards a [Master of Arts degree](#) in Educational Administration: American Indian Education Administration and Supervision,
- several courses that fulfill [liberal studies](#) and the world cultures requirements,
- a [resource room](#) filled with books, articles, films and more, and
- an [outdoor fire site](#) for NAS classroom visits, and
- support for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the Native American Student Association, and the Native American Language and Culture Club.

The Center also strives to keep students and community members informed about items relevant to Native American Studies including [internship opportunities](#), [scholarships and grants](#), [conferences](#) and [cultural events](#), language lessons and [news bits](#).

Be sure to also visit the Center on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) [@NMU_CNAS] and [Flickr](#). Listen to Public Radio 90 [WNMU-FM] Fridays for [Anishinaabe Radio News](#), a weekly program with insights to Native American Studies and news from Indian Country.

The Center is located in [112 Whitman Hall](#) at the corner of Norway Street and Fair Avenue in Marquette, Michigan. The Center is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday ET. We hope you will visit us soon.

Sincerely,

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