Friday, Aug. 26, 2011

**U.P. INDIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE SEPT. 30 AT NMU**

MARQUETTE, Mich.—The 15th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference will be held at Northern Michigan University from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in the University Center. It is designed for those who work with K-12 American Indian students and their families, teach American Indian topics or simply want to learn more. There is no cost to attend, but because lunch is provided, registration is requested by Friday, Sept. 23.

Teresa LaFromboise, chair of Native American Studies at Stanford University, will be the keynote speaker. She also created the American Indian Lifeskills Development Curriculum, designed to reduce incidences of suicide thoughts and behavior. Suicide prevention is a significant focus of this year’s conference and the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project will facilitate question, persuade, refer (QPR) training.

The U.P. Indian Education Conference is presented by the NMU Center for Native American Studies; the GEAR UP/College Day Program, a King-Chavez-Parks Initiative of the State of Michigan; the NMU School of Education; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' STAY Project.

For more information or to register, contact the Center for Native American Studies at 227-1397 or visit [www.nmu.edu/cnas](http://www.nmu.edu/cnas).

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