

PRE CONFERENCE on
AMERICAN INDIAN RHETORIC

Presented by the Rhetoric and Public Address Interest Group

Although rhetoric and public address are now committed to the study of previously ignored voices, and numerous essays have been published in our lead journals studying the rhetoric of many historically marginalized groups, there appears to be a dearth of studies on Native Americans. With a few notable exceptions, sustained attention to the rhetorical challenges posed by the continuing colonization of Indian Country is lacking. As the Western States Communication Association meets in New Mexico, a geographical location inhabited by Native Americans for at least 10,000 years, this pre-conference workshop seeks to address this lack of attention, foregrounding Native American rhetoric and the unique rhetorical constraints faced by, and resources available to, advocates of justice for the first peoples. The workshop will combine invited presentations from scholars with extensive and active research programs centering on American Indian rhetoric, with performance and round-table discussions of short position papers by participants.

Featured Scholars and Artists:

Oscar Giner, Arizona State University

Casey Kelly, Butler University

Cate Palczewski, University of Northern Iowa

Time and Location: 9:00am – 3:00pm Saturday, February 18 Fiesta I