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NCP Newsletter #1 (Spring 2024)

Welcome to our inaugural Native Curriculum Partnership (NCP) newsletter!

Thank you for reading our first NCP newsletter. We hope to release a biannual newsletter on our activities and updates.

NCP is a University of New Mexico initiative led by the Center for Regional Studies (CRS), the Department of Native American Studies (NAS), and the Institute for American Indian Education (IAIE). We collaborate with Native educators, local tribal leaders, and community consultants to create Indigenous film and curriculum materials for K-12 students in New Mexico.

NCP recognizes the consolidated Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico court decision and the efforts to support college and career-ready education opportunities for all students – primarily low-income, students of color, English language learners, and students with disabilities.

We are currently working on two films. The first film focuses on Native art and activism. We are highlighting the artistic, community, and educational work of Roxanne Swentzell. The film offers a view of Swentzell's journey as a ceramic artist and community seedkeeper. Through her community-based projects on permaculture, Swentzell demonstrates the ways Native communities can strengthen their relationships with family, community, culture, and land.

The second film focuses on Native education specifically the impact of the consolidate Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico court ruling, demonstrating strengths in tribal education, and language revitalization practices. The film will include narratives from Native educators and experiences in teaching and learning in the Southwest.

If you have any questions and further comments, please contact Native Curriculum Partnership at ncp@unm.edu.

Message from Dr. Lloyd Lee, Director of Center for Regional Studies and Professor of Native American Studies

Behind the Scenes



Santa Clara artist Roxanne Swentzell (L) and NCP filmmaker Arcie Chapa (R) at the Heard Indian Fair & Market in Arizona, March 2 & 3, 2024.



Native Curriculum Partnership filmmaker Arcie Chapa visits the grand opening of the Kayenta Community Center on Navajo Nation.





Thea Manning (top), Chayanne Rivers (middle), and Savannah Silversmith (bottom), students at Brigham Young University (BYU) were interviewed by filmmaker Arcie Chapa for NCP's Native Education film. The students discussed their research on the impact of boarding schools on Native communities.



On March 2, 2024, graduate assistants Marina Perez (L) and Halle Sago (R) tabled for NCP at the IAIE Curriculum Fair.

Workshops & Events

Thank you for stopping by and connecting with us at one of the three community events where we have tabled!

We're excited to continue engaging with community and encourage folks to stay connected to learn more about our upcoming workshops and events. Please stay tuned for our educator workshop coming in July 2024. Additional details will be announced soon!

We would like to thank the Institute of American Indian Education and



On April 25, 2024, Dr. Lloyd Lee and other NCP team members tabled for the 7th Annual Indigenous Education Research Conference.

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UNM's Kiva Club for inviting us to participate in the following community events.



On April 28, 2024, our team handed out NCP swag at the 2024 Nizhoni Days "Honoring Our Mothers" Powwow at the University of New Mexico.

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