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Cal Poly to Host Symposium on Native North American Literatures, Cultures

SAN LUS OBISPO – Cal Poly, along with UC Santa Barbara, will host a three-day international symposium on Native North American literatures and cultures from Sunday through Tuesday, Oct. 19-21.

The event, titled "Transatlantic Voices: An International Symposium on Native North American Literatures and Cultures," is a collaboration with UCSB.

Scholars of Native North American studies in Europe, Taiwan, and the United States, along with major Native North American writers and intellectuals, will convene with students and community members at both campuses. The symposium will offer an opportunity to reflect on the historical encounter between Europe and Native North American cultures and discuss the current status and future orientation of Native American Studies in an increasingly global and globalized world.

The symposium will feature distinguished Native American writers and critics Jim Barnes (Choctaw), Kimberly Blaeser (Anishinaabe), Robert F. Gish (Cherokee), Greg Sarris (Coast Miwok/Pomo), Gerald Vizenor (Anishinaabe), and Ofelia Zepeda (Tohono O-Odham). Additional Native and non-Native scholars across a range of academic disciplines are also expected to participate.

The event is free and open to the public. For specific times and locations call Cal Poly's Ethnic Studies Department at 756-1707 or refer to the symposium web page at http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/es/transatlantic_voices.HTM.

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