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### **American Indian Writer, Actor, Producer To Speak on 'American Indians in Film' May 15**

American Indian Gary Farmer, actor, director, producer and journalist, will present "Representation of American Indians in Film" at 10 a.m. May 15 in Cal Poly's University Union, Room 220.

Farmer is a member of the Cayuga nation in the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. He has appeared in more than a dozen feature films in Canada and the United States, including "Smoke Signals" (1996), "Dead Man" starring Johnny Depp (1995), and "Powwow Highway" (1989).

He has won several awards, including one for best actor at the American Indian Film Festival in 1996.

Farmer has been publisher and editor in chief of the award-winning Aboriginal Voices, the Magazine of Evolving Native American Arts & Culture, since the early 1990s.

He serves on the board of the Ontario Arts Council.

The public is invited to the free lecture, sponsored by the university's American Indian Student Association, the College of Liberal Arts, Multicultural Programs and Services, Cal Poly Arts and the Chumash Casino.

For more information, call Donna Langston of Cal Poly's Ethnic Studies Department at 756-7388.

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