Award-winning Native American Author to Speak on Genocide Tribunals Dec. 4 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus and noted storyteller Gerald Vizenor will speak on “Genocide Tribunals: Native American Rights and Survivance” Monday, Dec. 4, at 4:10 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Cohan Center at Cal Poly.

Vizenor, winner of the American Book Award and the Western Literature Association's Distinguished Achievement Award, is currently a professor of American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

The award-winning writer comes from a long line of storytellers. “You can’t understand the world without telling a story,” Vizenor said. “There isn’t any center to the world but story.”

He is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Reservation.

Vizenor’s lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by Cal Poly’s Ethnic Studies Department and College of Liberal Arts. For more information, call 805-756-1707.

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