

# NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER



Home to Native American, Alaska Native, and  
Native Hawaiian students, faculty, and staff

NAECC Newsletter

November 19, 2018

## Natives Helping Natives

A new philanthropic initiative to provide assistance to Native American families in Indiana and to support efforts in tribal communities. Join us in the following campaigns:

### Gently Used Childrens Books

Books will be donated to elementary schools on (or bordering) the Navajo Nation in New Mexico and will be gifted to students. Collection boxes are available at the NAECC **until Friday, December 14, 2018**

### Gloves, Hats, and Scarves

Items will be donated to Native American elderly in assisted living facilities in New Mexico. Collection boxes are available at the NAECC **until Friday, December 14, 2018**

For more information, contact Felica Ahasteen-Bryant by email at [felica@purdue.edu](mailto:felica@purdue.edu).



**Please join us for lunch!**

**NOV 27**

Anytime from  
Noon - 1:30 pm  
for a warm bowl of soup  
and great company

## **“SOUPER” TUESDAY at NAECC**

### **NAECC Indigenous Alumni Speakers Series presents RaeLynn Butler**

Tuesday, November 27 | 3:00 – 4:30 pm | NAECC

This speaker series features distinguished Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Purdue alumni who are making outstanding contributions in Native American communities and accomplishments in their profession. RaeLynn Butler is from the Muscogee Creek Nation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, she received her bachelor's degree from Haskell Indian Nations University and her master's degree in Botany from the Botany and Plant Pathology Department, College of Agriculture. She currently serves as the Manager of the Historic and Cultural Preservation Department with the Muscogee Creek Nation.

Sponsored by: NAECC, in collaboration with the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership

The Purdue University Creative Writing Program  
Presents

# NATALIE DIAZ

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 29

Reading:  
7:30pm  
KRAN 140

SYCAMORE REVIEW Q&A:  
4:30pm  
BRNG 2290

Natalie Diaz's first poetry collection, *When My Brother Was an Aztec*, was published by Copper Canyon Press. She is a MacArthur Fellow, a Lannan Literary Fellow, a Native Arts Council Foundation Artist Fellow, and was awarded a Bread Loaf Fellowship, the Holmes National Poetry Prize, a Hodder Fellowship, a PEN/Civitella Ranieri Foundation Residency, and a US Artists Ford Fellowship. Diaz teaches at the Arizona State University Creative Writing MFA program.

**PURDUE**  
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This FREE & PUBLIC EVENT is sponsored by the Purdue LGBTQ Center,  
the Purdue Native American Educational and Cultural Center,  
and the Purdue English Department.

**PURDUE**  
UNIVERSITY  
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,  
TRANSGENDER AND QUEER CENTER

Natalie Diaz was born and raised in the Fort Mojave Indian Village in Needles, California, on the banks of the Colorado River. She is Mojave and an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Tribe. Her first poetry collection, *When My Brother Was an Aztec*, was published by Copper Canyon Press. She is a MacArthur Fellow, a Lannan Literary Fellow, and a Native Arts Council Foundation Artist Fellow. She was awarded a Bread Loaf Fellowship, the Holmes National Poetry Prize, a Hodder Fellowship, a PEN/Civitella Ranieri Foundation Residency, as well as being awarded a US Artists Ford Fellowship. She teaches at the Arizona State University Creative Writing MFA program. [Event flyer](#)

Save the Date:

## 3rd Annual Native American Winter Art Market

Saturday, December 1 | Noon - 4:00 pm | NAECC

Join us for an afternoon with Native American students and local artists who will show case their jewelry and artwork.

## CAMPUS-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Nothing About Us Without Us: Ed Roberts and the Disability Rights Movement](#)

Mon, November 19 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | WALC 3148

This event will include a reflection on the life and impact of Ed Roberts, the father of the disability rights movement. We will also discuss the protests to legitimize section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the development of Centers for Independent Living, and current disability activist organizations.

- [HACK4Queer Youth Futures: Imagining Inclusive LGBTQIA Community Technology](#)

Sat, December 1 | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | WALC B058

The Purdue LGBTQ Center, MAVEN Youth and the Purdue Big Data Ethics Project would like to invite you to a Hack 4 Queer Youth Futures entitled "Imagining Inclusive LGBTQIA Community Technology." Come help identify the impact of emerging technologies on LGBTQIA lives in Indiana and beyond. Support for the Hack 4 Queer Youth Futures is provided in part by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This is a hands-on hack/workshop where we will use techniques from speculative fiction and design to anticipate emerging technologies and their potential impact on LGBTQIA people and communities in Indiana and beyond. A report and a pop-up exhibit featuring some of the prototypes created in the workshop will be produced and shared. Free and open to all LGBTQIA identified and Allied people. [Registration link](#).

- [The Problem in the Puzzle: Autism Speaks vs. the Autistic Community](#)

Mon, December 3 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm | WALC 3148

We will look at the tension between Autism Speaks and autistic people, and discuss the difference between "Autism Awareness" and "Autism Acceptance," the complicated portrayal of autism in media, and the necessity of allowing autistic people to represent themselves.

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## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT PURDUE AND BEYOND

- [Path to Postdoc @UCSF](#)

Application Deadline: January 6, 2019

Notice of Decisions: February 1, 2019

Program Dates: March 11-14, 2019

- [Horizons Fellowship](#)

Supports 200 outstanding university students on a fully-funded experience in San Francisco, in their pursuit to become leaders in technology. Our programs provide immersive software engineering and web/mobile development courses geared towards high-achieving college students. Students need not have a computer science background! [Interested students can start an application here](#).

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## COMMUNITY

- [Eiteljorg Museum is closed for Thanksgiving, open November 23 & 24](#)

Learn about the Three Sisters and create art 1 to 4 p.m. Learn about native foods, decorate a corn pendant, create a gourd ornament out of squash and make a leaf rubbing

- [Open Now - The Life and Art of Harry Fonseca](#)

Eiteljorg Museum

This exhibit remembers and shares the talent, perspective and legacy of the late Harry Fonseca (Maidu/Nisenan, Portuguese, Hawaiian, 1946–2006). One of the most beloved and revered contemporary Native artists of our time, Fonseca is known for the versatility and experimentation of his work. His retrospective exhibition, *Harry Fonseca: The Art of Living*, explores histories of Native peoples, of painting and the humanity of a life well lived.

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If you would like to include events and programs in the NAECC Newsletter, [click here](#)

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