

# American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month 2008

## “Tradition and Innovation”

### Tuesday, November 4

#### Coup Feather Making Workshop

6pm—8pm, Johnson Center, Gold Room

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop!

Historian T Carter will demonstrate the basic techniques of decorating feathers used in Native American war bonnet and bustle making. Each participant will create and take home a hand-painted imitation eagle Coup Feather — a feather traditionally awarded for brave and honorable acts in war. Please RSVP by October 24, 2008 if you plan to attend. (703) 624-6201.

*Sponsored by the Native American Alumni Association (NAAA), American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Association (AIANSA), and Office of*



### Wednesday, November 5

#### Pre-Powwow Dance Workshop

6:30pm—8pm, Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall, North

Get ready for the Powwow—learn how to dance. Members of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Association will offer an introduction to traditional native dance, music, and regalia making.

Everyone is welcome, but come prepared to move, learn and have a good time.

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### Tuesday, November 18

#### Tea with Provost

Location TBA

11:30a.m.—12:30p.m.

Provost Peter Stearns will facilitate this discussion with American Indian and Alaskan Native students

*Sponsored by the Provost's Office, University Life, and ODPS.*



### Wednesday, November 19

#### Native American Heritage Lunch

11a.m.—2p.m., Southside

Several delicious traditional Native dishes will be available.

Mason Money, Meal Plan or Cash.

*Sponsored by George Mason Dining Services.*



### Wednesday, November 19

#### Identity: Student Panel Discussion

6p.m.—8p.m., Johnson Center Room C

Members of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Association, as well as GMU faculty and staff, will discuss the diversity found in the indigenous populations of North, Central and South America. Special emphasis will be put on how the panelists' conception of their own identities relates to this year's theme of “Tradition and Innovation,” and what it means to be indigenous in this day and age.

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**Monday, November 10**

6th Annual Veterans Powwow

1pm—10pm, Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall

The powwow is a central social event in pan-Indian culture, combining dance and music. Host Drums: White Oak (Northern) and Black Bear Singers (Southern). Master of Ceremonies: Clayton Old Elk. Arena Director: Lawrence Baker. Head Dancers: Mary Phillips and Cedric Burgess. Head Junior Dancers: Alexander Fire Walker and Laila Mahogany Amin.

Open to all. Admission is FREE. A large selection of traditional art and crafts will be available for purchase. For more information, call ODPS, 703-993-2705.

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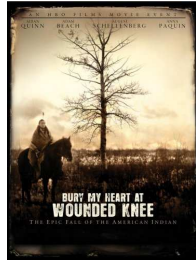


**Wednesday, November 12**

Film: Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee  
6 p.m. and 9p.m., Johnson Center, Cinema

A dark chapter of U.S. history comes to light in this epic saga (Emmy winner for Best Made-for-TV movie) of the U.S. government’s attempt at exterminating American Indians. Beginning just after the bloody victory over General Custer at Little Big Horn, Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee traces the stories of three men: a young, Dartmouth-educated Native doctor, a lobbying senator, and the Lakota hero Sitting Bull. A discussion of the historical events and people portrayed in the film will follow the first screening of the film.

*Sponsored by GMU’s film board.*



**Thursday, November 20**

Trail of Tears Intertribal Dance Troupe’s Annual Toy Drive  
12:30p.m.— 2 p.m., Johnson Center, Dewberry Hall

This performance supports the collection of new toys for Lakota children from birth to age 14 living on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota—one of the poorest areas in the country. Please come, enjoy the Native American dancing, bring a toy, backpack, or school supplies. This Christmas, you can put a smile on the faces of these children who have so very little.

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**Tuesday, November 25**

AIANSA Meeting and Potluck Dinner  
6:30pm, SUB II, Room 224

Join the members of the American Indian/Alaskan Native Student Association for the last event for Native Heritage Month. We will recap on this year’s calendar of events, discuss plans for the upcoming Spring semester, and share in a wonderful potluck meal. Students are encouraged to bring a traditional Native dish (frybread will already be provided).

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