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**Kathleen J. Martin (CalPoly State University) &
Linda Murray, (Univ. California, Santa Barbara)**

Native Footprints: Photographs and Stories Written on the Land

Wednesday, 25 October, 9-11am, D418

This talk will examine the work of Native photographers and artists and the ways their work addresses the decolonizing practice of the study of visual images, as well as stimulating anomalous and unexpected interpretations. It situates representations from a starting point of power, oppression and hegemony as central components of visual imagery, and also as an opportunity to promote dialogue and encourage new interpretations and narratives. This manner of investigation may function as a way to stimulate what Ngugi wa Thiong'o has conceptualized as "decolonizing the mind" as it applies to images, and to reimagine Native life as integral and continuous on this land. Such "readings" of photographs may force the viewer to grapple with the enduring presence or "footprints" of Native and First Nations Peoples upon the land, thereby working to dispel and decolonize notions of the "vanishing Indian". These social and contextual dimensions consider perspectives that illuminate the land we live on and the footprints we leave, not ones that historicize peoples and events as ongoing stereotypic constructions, but rather as part of an active interpreted present.

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