ISP-PTX551 – INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN URBAN FAITH COMMUNITIES: THE WORK AND MINISTRY

The Rev Canon Robert Two Bulls
July 16 – 20
Lecture: 9am – 12pm
Tutorial: 2pm – 5pm
For the last sixty years Indigenous peoples in the U.S. and Canada have relocated from the remnants of their homelands to the urban centers. This movement occurred mainly for economic reasons. As the people moved to the cities large intertribal communities emerged. In this gathering we will traverse and delve into the Indigenous work and ministry that continues presently in the urban centers.

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What kinds of challenges do Indigenous Christian urban faith communities face in their work and ministry? What can be done to overcome some of problem areas in this work? How can one define a successful ministry? In this course we will find ways to address these and other questions that might emerge in this work. We will also explore the characteristics that grow with the “comings and goings” within certain urban Native and First Nations communities. Topics to be discussed will include, but are not limited to: unemployment & jobs, homelessness & housing, substance abuse & recovery, healing, the meaning of being native in an urban context and other pertinent topics.

Syllabus

Required
For the week read all of Tommy Orange’s There There: A Novel and James Tyman’s Inside Out: An Autobiography of a Native Canadian.

Monday, July 16
Brief individual introductions and synopsis of course

Lecture and Discussion

Work
Employment & the unemployed, indigenous economics & capitalism, and “comings & goings”

Required

**Supplemental**
Read: Chapter 3, *City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893-1934*


**Tuesday, July 17**
Lecture and Discussion

*Home*

**Required**
Read: Chapters 1-9, *Indigenous Homelessness Perspectives from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand*


Read: Chapter 4, *Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation* (Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson, Editors)

**Supplemental**

**Wednesday, July 18**

*Family*

Tribal & inter-Tribalism, foster care, adoptions, identity, displacement, single parent and extended family

**The Exiles (Film)** 72 minutes: We will run video at the start of class with discussion to follow.

**Required**
Read: Chapters 2, 3, 5, 9 &10, *Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation* (Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson, Editors)

*Inside Out: An Autobiography of a Native Canadian* by James Tyman

**Thursday, July 19**
Lecture and Discussion
Medicine
Substance abuse, incarceration, life on the street, recovery, re-entry and healing

Required
Inside Out: An Autobiography of a Native Canadian
There There: A Novel

Supplemental
Read: Sundance: The Robert Sundance Story

Friday, July 20
Lecture and Discussion

Spirit
What is the role of Indigenous Urban Christian Faith Communities? What can be done?
Bring your Bible

Required

There There: A Novel
Tommy Orange
Publisher: Knopf; First Edition (June 5, 2018)
ISBN-10: 0525520376

Indigenous Homelessness Perspectives from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand
Edited by Evelyn Peters and Julia Christensen
Publisher: University of Manitoba Press, 2016

Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation
Edited by Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson
Publisher: UBC Press; Reprint edition (February 7, 2014)

Reimagining Indian Country: Native American Migration and Identity in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles (First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies)
Nicolas G. Rosenthal
Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press, 2012

Inside Out: An Autobiography of a Native Canadian
James Lyman
Fifth House Publishers 1989, 1995
ISBN-10: 1895618584
Supplemental

*Indian Country, L.A.: Maintaining Ethnic Community in Complex Society*
Joan Weibel-Orlando
Publisher: University of Illinois Press; Revised edition (June 29, 1999, Revised Edition)
ISBN-10: 0252068009

*Sundance: The Robert Sundance Story*
Robert Sundance with Marc Gaede
ISBN-10: 0961601981

*City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893-1934*
Rosalyn R. LaPier & David R. M. Beck
Publisher: University of Nebraska Press (May 1, 2015)

*Indians in Prison: Incarcerated Native Americans in Nebraska*
Elizabeth S. Grobsmith
University of Nebraska Press, 1994
ISBN-10: 0803221371