

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 the 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

Read: Pages 1-101, *Reimagining Indian Country: Native American Migration and Identity in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles (First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies)* Nicolas G. Rosenthal

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

Supplemental

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

Read: Intro and pages 1-44, *Indian Country, L.A.: Maintaining Ethnic Community in Complex Society* (Joan Weibel-Orlando)

Tuesday, July 17

Lecture and Discussion

Home

Living in Community

Required

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

Read: Pages 103-169, *Reimagining Indian Country: Native American Migration and Identity in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles (First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies)*

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

Supplemental

Read: Intro and pages 45-298, *Indian Country, L.A.: Maintaining Ethnic Community in Complex Society* (Joan Weibel-Orlando)

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

ISBN-13: 978-0525520375

Indigenous Homelessness Perspectives from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand

Edited by Evelyn Peters and Julia Christensen

Publisher: University of Manitoba Press, 2016

ISBN-13: 978-0887558269

Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation

Edited by Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson

Publisher: UBC Press; Reprint edition (February 7, 2014)

ISBN-13: 978-0774824651

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

ISBN-13: 978-1469617565

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)

ISBN-13: 978-0803248397

Indians in Prison: Incarcerated Native Americans in Nebraska

Elizabeth S. Grobsmith

University of Nebraska Press, 1994

ISBN-10: 0803221371