

ISP-SPX511 – INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN URBAN FAITH COMMUNITIES: THE WORK AND MINISTRY

The Rev Canon Robert Two Bulls

July 08 – 12

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

Monday, July 08

Brief individual introductions and synopsis of course

Lecture and Discussion

Comings & Goings

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

Required

Read: Intro, Chpts 1, 2, 4, 5, *Reimagining Indian Country: Native American Migration and Identity in Twentieth-Century Los Angeles (First Peoples: New Directions in Indigenous Studies)* Nicolas G. Rosenthal

Read: pp 1-151, (US Students read Part 2, pp 173-216) *Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation* (Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson, Editors)

Read: Prologue, Chpts 1, 3, 5, & 7, *Survival and Regeneration: Detroit's American Indian Community*, Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr.(Wayne State University Press; Reprint edition, December 1, 2017)

Watch online videos: <https://www.apmreports.org/episode/2019/11/01/uprooted-the-1950s-plan-to-erase-indian-country>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10252616/#:~:text=Indigenous%20peoples%20in%20Canada%20are,by%2059.7%25%20%5B2%5D>.

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 09 Lecture and Discussion

Home

Living in Community

Required

Read: pp 1-185, *Indigenous Homelessness Perspectives from Canada, Australia, and New Zealand*

Continued see above: *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 10 Lecture and Discussion

Family

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

Required

Continued see above: *Indigenous in the City: Contemporary Identities and Cultural Innovation* (Evelyn Peters and Chris Anderson, Editors)

Thursday, July 11 Lecture and Discussion

Medicine

The Exiles (Film) 72 minutes: We will run video at the start of class with discussion to follow. Please note that this film contains certain scenes that are triggering.

Substance abuse, incarceration, life on the street, recovery, re-entry and healing

Required

Inside Out: An Autobiography of a Native Canadian

Supplemental

Read: Sundance: The Robert Sundance Story

Friday, July 12 Lecture and Discussion

Spirit

What is the role of an Indigenous Urban Christian Faith Community? What can be done? Bring your Bible.

Required

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

Indians on the Move: Native American Mobility and Urbanization in the Twentieth Century

Douglas K. Miller

The University of North Carolina Press (April 22, 2019)

ISBN-13 : 978-1469651385

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

Survival and Regeneration: Detroit's American Indian Community

Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr.

Wayne State University Press; Reprint edition (December 1, 2017)

ISBN: 0814323480

Online

<https://www.apmreports.org/episode/2019/11/01/uprooted-the-1950s-plan-to-erase-indian-country>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC10252616/#:~:text=Indigenous%20peoples%20in%20Canada%20are,by%2059.7%25%20%5B2%5D.>

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

City Indian: Native American Activism in Chicago, 1893–1934

Rosalyn R. LaPier & David R.M. Beck

Publisher : University of Nebraska Press; Illustrated edition (September 1, 2020)

ISBN-13 : 978-1496222220

