

Native Americans in Film: Represented or Misrepresented?

Oct. 19 Lecture at UC San Diego to address topic

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Native Americans or American Indians have often been depicted in American film in stereotypical and not so objective ways - words like savages, warpath, and war paint stick like graffiti on their collective persona.

Natchee Blu Barnd will speak on *Indians vs. Native Peoples: Struggling Against American Indian Representations in Film* at noon Oct. 19 in the Cross-Cultural Center at the University of California, San Diego. The event is part of UCSD's *2007 California Native American Day Celebration*. It is free and open to the public.

A Ph.D. candidate in UCSD's Department of Ethnic Studies, Barnd will explore "the standard ways that native people have been and are (mis)represented in film, why motion pictures and the media matter, and how some filmmakers have attempted to combat these depictions."

During the session, Barnd will show short clips to graphically punctuate key points. Barnd holds a bachelor's degree from Sonoma State University and master's degrees from UCLA and UCSD. In addition to finishing a Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies at UCSD, he teaches American Indian Studies at San Francisco State University.

For further information on the Barnd lecture, contact the Cross-Cultural Center at (858) 534-9689.

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