

Native American Studies Center

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2017 Lunch and Learn Series

FRIDAY
December
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All are invited to attend these free monthly lectures which usually cover topics related to local and regional culture and history.

12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

Location: Native American Studies Center

119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC

Challenging the Narrative of Extinction: Reclaiming Taíno Heritage and Activism in Puerto Rico by Dr. Sherina Feliciano-Santos



Widely circulating historical narratives in Puerto Rico often assume the Caribbean's Taíno indigenous population was destroyed at some point between the 16th and 18th centuries. A number of people, however, question this narrative and have been active in reclaiming and making public their Taíno heritage and identity. This presentation discusses Taíno activism in terms of the interactional challenges posed by this widespread history. I consider how specific family histories are drawn upon to question broader narratives of the Taíno extinction, as well as the racial and national matters that have become entangled with this reclaiming.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding the series to Brent Burgin at 803-313-7063 or wbburgin@sc.edu. Mr. Burgin welcomes suggestions and ideas for future talks and speakers.

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