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
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“*The Southern Indian Movement: Asserting Civil Rights and Sovereign Rights during a Time of Transition*”

*By: Dr. Denise Bates, Arizona State University*

During the mid-20th century, the black civil rights movement brought the national gaze to the South and spurred a revolution in race relations. Yet, popular historical narratives of this period overlook the political activities and economic development efforts of southern Native peoples who launched a movement of their own. The southern Indian movement had both regional and national implications when charismatic Native leaders and activists leveraged the politically precarious positions of politicians and government agencies that not only provided a foundation for tribal nation-(re)building, but played a critical role in reshaping southern identity and contributing to shifts in federal Indian policy. This presentation will examine the context by which the southern Indian movement emerged and discuss the broader impact by highlighting specific examples of the contributions and activities of different tribal communities across the region.

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