Greetings from the Center

Special Points of Interest:

NAS Week

USC Lancaster Native American Studies Center celebrates Native American Food and Culture

March 18th-25th

Art & Craft Sale Saturday, March 19 9 AM—4 PM

Future Lunch and Learn lectures
Native Food & Culture

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LANCASTER
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER

Presents
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES WEEK
MARCH 18th – 25th, 2016

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803-313-7172
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Corn, squash, chocolate, potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries—almost half of the crops grown in the world today were first domesticated by Native Americans. The production and consumption, along with the myths, ceremonies, and celebrations surrounding the planting, harvesting, hunting, preparation, and eating of food has played a major role in the development and preservation of Native American cultures. Beginning Friday, March 18th, USC Lancaster’s Native American Studies Center will host its 11th annual Native American Studies Week. Since 2005, USCL has hosted a week of events each spring focused on the rich history and cultural traditions of South Carolina’s indigenous peoples. This year’s program focuses on the food and food cultures of Native Americans in the Southeast and beyond. The program will include lectures by regionally- and nationally-recognized scholars, exhibits that highlight these topics, and additional programs.

USC Lancaster’s NAS Week will kick-off with a monthly Lunch and Learn lecture on Friday, March 18th at the USCL Native American Studies Center. USC Aiken historian Dr. Heather Peterson will discuss the spiritual ecology of Nahua people of modern Mexico and El Salvador. Highlights of the rest of the week include a panel discussion on Lumbee Indian food traditions, lectures on Native American agriculture, and a keynote address on Native American food and culture by Smithsonian Institution and Cherokee scholar Dr. Rayna Green. The NAS Center will also be partnering with the USCL Chemistry Club to present a public lecture by Glenn Roberts, the founder of Anson Mills, on his work with heirloom grains and Native crops.

Three new exhibits will open during this year’s NAS Week: one focused on the Waccamaw people of coastal South Carolina; another examining Southeastern Native food and culture, and one on Catawba basketry. Each exhibit will include discussions by the curators. And as in the past, the NAS Center will host a day-long festival and art and craft sale the Saturday of NAS Week (March 19th) from 9 am to 4 pm. The festival will include dance and drum performances, pottery and basket making demonstrations, Native American artists and craftspeople showing and selling their works, and tours of the NAS Center exhibits.

All events will be held at the USCL Native American Studies Center at 119 S. Main St, in Lancaster or on the main campus of USC Lancaster. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Native American Studies Center (NASC) at 803-313-7172 or email usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu. For additional information visit usclancaster.sc.edu/NAS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, March 18th, 2016
12:00 - 12:45 pm: “The Spiritual Ecology of Indian Mortality, in New Spain, 1520-1620.”
Dr. Heather Peterson, USC Aiken. NASC Room 106

Saturday, March 19th, 2016
9:00 am - 4:00 pm: Native American Studies Week Festival--Events located throughout the NASC
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Gallery Opening: Faye Greiner, Catawba Basketry

Monday, March 21st, 2016
12:20 pm - 1:00 pm: Careers in Science Lecture (Co-Sponsored by the USCL Chemistry Club): Glenn Roberts, Anson Mills. Founders Hall 104 (USCL campus)

Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm: “Southern Foodways Alliance Lumbee Oral History Project,” Sara Wood and Jeff Currie, SFA. NASC Classroom.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016
11:00 am - 11:50 am: “Enacting Sovereignty to Decolonize Native Diets,” Dr. Courtney Lewis, USC. NASC Classroom
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Exhibit Openings and Gallery Talks by Professor Stephen Criswell, USCL, and Chief Phil White and Susan Hayes Hatcher of the Waccamaw Indian People. NASC Gallery.

Thursday, March 24th, 2016
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: “Searching for the Earliest Corn Crop in South Carolina.” Prof. Chris Judge, USCL. NASC Classroom
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Keynote Lecture “Native Food in the Native South” by Dr. Rayna Green, Smithsonian Institution. Medford Library, USCL main campus

Friday, March 25th, 2016
10:00 am – 10:50 am: “Colonial Encounters: Native American Crops in Colonial South Carolina.” Dr. Gail Wagner. NASC Classroom. Sponsored by South Carolina Humanities.
1:30 pm: Student Drawing Performance/Installation. Back Gallery, NASC.

Drawing students from ARTS 230, Introduction to Drawing, will be creating an installation of quick drawings. As our final event of Native American Studies Week 2016, this drawing performance will focus on the action of responding to and drawing from objects, words, images, and concepts found within the Native American Studies Center with an emphasis on foodways and food culture.

After the performance the work created will remain on display through May 2016.
FRIDAY
March
18

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 pm

Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch.

Location:
Native American Studies Center
119 South Main Street, Lancaster, SC

“The Spiritual Ecology of Indian Mortality in New Spain 1520-1620” by Dr. Heather Peterson

This lecture will try to understand the underlying worldview and Spiritual Ecology of the Nahua and the Spanish, and the way each group understood the three great epidemics of the sixteenth century. Most native societies live in a closed world, with a strong connection between the metaphysical and natural worlds. So did the Spanish and their reactions to Indian mortality highlight this relationship.

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.
The Native American Studies Center
University of South Carolina Lancaster

Native American Art &
Craft Festival

Saturday
March 19

9:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM

Galleries
The Native American Studies Center
119 S. Main St., Lancaster, SC

This annual event features artwork, demonstrations, and other performances by established and emerging Native American Artisans from South Carolina and North Carolina.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Brittany Taylor, Curator of Collections at taylorbd@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-313-7172.

A Palmetto College Campus
Chief Buster Hatcher, Tribal Councilwoman Susan Hayes Hatcher, and 2nd Chief Phil White.
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER
ENDOWMENT RAISING CAMPAIGN

We have begun a campaign to raise funds towards the establishment of an endowment for the NASC.

State-allocated monies and grant funds are limited by both amounts available as well as in their scope of use, and we need to take steps towards becoming more financially self-sufficient as we continue to expand our collections, produce new exhibits, increase our public programming, and conduct cutting-edge Native American Studies.

Please consider joining us in our efforts to raise sufficient funds to start a NASC Endowment.

The current threshold to establish an endowment at USC is $10,000 in 5 years, but our goal is $10,000 in one year and $500,000 in five years.

To reach the $10,000 threshold in 2016, we simply need 50 people to donate $100 and 100 people to donate $50.

Help us in our campaign. Outright donations, corporate gifts, Endowed Chairs, USC payroll deductions and estate planning paths all are available.

Contact Sherri Gregory in the USCL Office of Advancement  P. O. Box 889, Lancaster, SC  29721 Hubbard Hall 235, 803-313-7080, scgregor@sc.edu or follow this link: http://usclancaster.sc.edu/advancement/index.html
FRIDAY
April 15

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12 noon to 1:00 pm

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Location:
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By: Dr. Courtney Lewis, USC Columbia
Department of Anthropology/Institute of Southern Studies

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“The Quest for the 2016 Presidential Nomination”
By: Dr. Steven Campbell

The Republican and Democratic Presidential primary races are examined, with special focus on campaign ads & strategies, candidates’ personas, the delegate race, accuracy of polls, and the role of the news media.

Speaker Bio: Dr. Steven Campbell is Assistant Professor of Political Science at USC Lancaster. His research interests include the American presidency, U.S. foreign policy-making, and political psychology.

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“One Paddler’s Journey Continued: South Carolina Cypress Lakes” with Bill Stokes

Bill Stokes has paddled and photographed the Catawba River for over two decades. His photographs have been featured in many regional exhibits. In July of 2014, Bill shared these images with us at an amazing Lunch and Learn. Now it’s time for Part II. This lecture will feature nearby South Carolina Cypress Lakes, primarily Cheraw State Park.

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Native American Studies Center

2016 Lunch and Learn Series

FRIDAY

JULY

15


By: Robert B. Ryals, MLIS, MA

Ref. Specialist/Archivist, York County Library, Rock Hill

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In the early 1960s, Douglas Summers Brown presented the perspective that the Catawba were “loyal warriors” throughout the 18th century especially during a time when their population was in dramatic decline. James Merrell added to Brown’s work, adopting the perspective that the Catawba had learned the art of negotiation to better their circumstances during pressing times when the colonial powers needed them. This lecture will provide context about the Catawba’s contributions during the French & Indian War and the American Revolution, and will evaluate each scholar’s perspective.

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Native American Studies Center
An on-site donation box is an important part of any non-profit organization. At the Native American Studies Center, we are trying to raise funds for the Samantha Criswell Memorial Fund. This fund is used to support programs, exhibits, and activities designed to improve the visitor experience.

When we first placed the donations box in the center, we hoped it would somehow generate $1000 per year. We had no way to gauge what donations might come in; and remember thinking at the time that $1000 was probably wishful thinking.

Our projection was wrong, but in a positive way for our fundraising efforts. In 2015, the Native American Studies Center Donations Box received $1243.85, better than projected. Hopefully, 2016 will be even better. For all that donated this year thank you for your support!

The Little Donation Box that Could
Are you on the List?

We Need Your Contact Information

We are working to compile a contact list of Native American artisans, tribal members, researchers, etc. If you would like to be added to our list, please forward the information listed below to usclnasp@mailbox.sc.edu or contact Brittany Taylor at 803.313.7036 or taylorbd@mailbox.sc.edu

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Thank you for your support in helping Native American Studies grow!
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Native American Studies Advisory Committee advises the Native American Studies Program (NASP) in its mission and in fulfilling its vision plan.

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