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The Leadership Scholars Certificate Program is a two-year selective, interdisciplinary certificate program that prepares Rutgers undergraduate women to be informed, innovative, and socially responsible leaders.

Leadership Scholars design and implement social action projects to expand their understanding of issues and problems and to develop leadership skills.

This project gives Scholars the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge they have gained about leadership, advocacy, and social change with the practical and experiential knowledge they have developed about a particular policy issue or problem through the field site placement. It also further develops leadership skills by giving undergraduates the opportunity to *practice* leadership *through* action.

To find out more please visit the Institute for Women's Leadership's website at http://iwl.rutgers.edu.



"With our work, we wanted to remind people that Native Americans are still here. We are not a thing of the past, and we are still making art and creating and existing."

- Katherine "Supernova" McCleary
(Little Shell Tribe of the Chippewa
Cree and Crow Nation)



Statement of Recognition

We recognize that we are two non-Native students presenting on the Native population, and hold the utmost respect for this diverse and resilient community.

We also recognize that Rutgers University is built on Native land, and want to promote our project as a means to remedy our university's past.



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The Problem:

Rutgers is one of the only schools in the Big 10 without a significant Native American and Indigenous Studies commitment, manifested as either a department, program, minor, or certificate program.

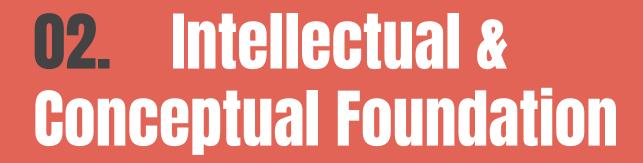
Rutgers offers none of these.

Mission Statement

Throughout the 2019 Fall Semester and month of November, Native American Heritage Month, we researched, attended events, and formed numerous connections to learn about issues impacting Native Americans to produce episodes for our podcast, RU Native.

- We discuss Native American history and culture within the United States,
- Feature the latest news topics that shape the Native American way of life,
- Other topics we discuss include healthcare delivery, education, economic opportunities, native youth, music, art, and many more.
- This initiative is produced in collaboration with the Institute for Women's Leadership, as well as the History and American Studies Departments at Rutgers University.

So far, we have conducted a total of three interviews, published two episodes, and have four more episodes pending, with five interviews scheduled.



Native Vote

American Indians, the Voting Rights Act, and the Right to Vote

Daniel McCool, Susan M. Olson, a Jennifer L. Robinso



Courtesy of University of Texas Press

Luana Ross

INVENTING

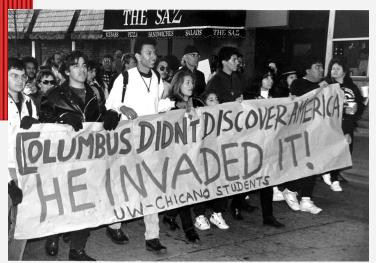


THE SAVAGE

THE SOCIAL
CONSTRUCTION
OF NATIVE
AMERICAN
CRIMINALITY

IMPACTFUL SOURCES

Courtesy of the Smithsonian Museum



PODCASTING PROCESS



RESEARCH



CONTENT CREATION



OUTREACH

LISTENERS



03. Feminist Leadership Connection

MEET YOUR HOSTS



MELANIE ARROYAVE

Loves to Hike & Kayak
CSPI OT at U.S. Coast Guard
Labor Studies Major
Public Health & WGS double minor
Born in Jersey City, New Jersey



Courtesy of Melanie's Personal Photo Album



Courtesy of Barbara's Personal Photo Album

BARBARA SHI

US citizen as of September! Enjoys embroidering and journaling History and Geography double major Born in Auckland, New Zealand

As feminist leaders, we took initiative in forming our project and worked with Native women, allies, and scholars in our journey to promote awareness about their diverse community.

MELANIE'S INTERVIEWS









UN Photo/Loey Felipe







Courtesy of Building a Place for History



Courtesy of Instagram @AliaHeavyRunner

DR. CAMILLA TOWNSEND

Rutgers Distinguished Professor of History

Specializes in Early Native American & Latin American History

JANENE YAZZIE

Member of Navajo Nation in New Mexico

Sustainable Development Program **Coordinator for the Economic and Social Council General Consultative Status United** Nations (Ecosoc)

Co-founder Sixth World Solutions LLP Navaio **Nation Little Colorado River Watershed Chapters Association**

WALTER LAMAR

Member of Blackfeet Nation in Montana

Descendant of the Wichita Tribe of Oklahoma

Federal Law Enforcement Specialist

Former FBI Agent who worked on Zodiac Killer, the Oklahoma City Federal Building Bombing, and the Branch Davidian

Former Deputy Director to the the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Law Enforcement

CHIEF VINCENT MANN

Chief of the Turtle Clan of the Ramapough Lenape Indian **Nation in New Jersey**

Recipient of Russ Berrie Award for his work on preservation of land issues in the Ramapo **Mountains**

ALIA HEAVYRUNNER

Member of Blackfeet Nation in Montana

Miss Blackfeet 2019-2020

Freshman at Blackfeet Community **College in Montana**

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women



Photo of Alia HeavyRunner Courtesy of Instagram @AliaHeavyRunner



MMIWG cases were identified across 71 selected urban cities were cases of missing Indigenous women were cases of murdered Indigenous were cases with an "unknown status" 29 The median age of MMIWG victims

Courtesy of Urban Indian Health Institute



Photo of Chief Vincent Mann Courtesy of The Meadowlands Nature Blog



Photo of Janene Yazzie Courtesy of Landscape News

Courtesy of Cultural Survival

BARBARA'S INTERVIEWS

Photo of Joseph Zordan, Katherine McCleary, and Leah Shrestinian, Courtesy of the YUAG Instagram



JOSEPH ZORDAN & KATHERINE MCCLEARY

Native graduates from Yale University

Curated the first Native Art Exhibit in the Yale University Art Gallery: "Place, Nations, Generations, Beings" Photo Courtesy of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Northwestern University



JASMINE GURNEAU

Manager for Native American and Indigenous Initiatives in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Northwestern University

Builds sustaining partnerships with tribal communities and public school systems

Photo Courtesy of the Department of History at Pennsylvania State University



JACOB LEE

History Professor at Penn State, which is also in the Big 10 but with few Native student initiatives

Faculty Liaison for the Newberry Consortium

"Places, Nations, Generations, Beings"





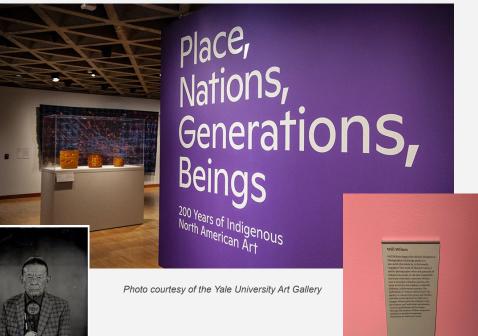


Photo courtesy of Barbara

04. Lessons & Insights

LESSONS



Communication

Improved and overcame working styles



Accountability & Professionalism

Worked as professionals to get the job done

INSIGHTS



Knowledge is Power

Cared, Absorbed, Disseminated
-Environment



Continue Podcasting

An SAP turned into a long-lasting hobby





TIMELINE









October

We recorded our trailer episode

October

Interviewed
Our First &
 Second
Interviewee

November

Interviewed Our
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Interviewee &
Published First
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December

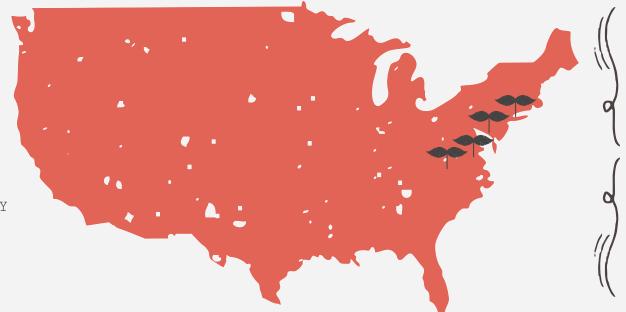
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Where We Visited















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Places & People We've Met



















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New Brunswick, NJ

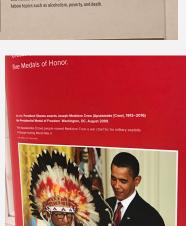
New York City, NY

All Photos Courtesy of Melanie's Personal Photo Album

Places & People We've Met







Walking to the Next Bar

Fritz Scholder gained acclaim in the 1970s for his frank, sometimes shocking, depictions of American Indians. Countering romantic images of Native Americans frozen in a distant past, he portrayed his subjects as contemporary, human, and tlawed. Scholder's boldly colored and composed paintings address previously

Santa Fe, New Mexico

New York City, NY





MEDIA PRESENCE



RESULTS Episodes

3 Episodes

70+ Plays

On All Published Episodes

15+ Listeners

PUBLISHED

Episode 1: Trailer

Episode 2: Meeting the Demand

Episode 3: A Conversation on "Place,

Nations, Generations, Beings"

PENDING PUBLICATION OR INTERVIEW

Episode 4 & 5: Janene Yazzie (Part 1 & 2)

Episode 6: Walter Lamar

Episode 7: Chief Vincent Mann Episode 8: Alia Heavyrunner Episode 9: Jasmine Gurneau

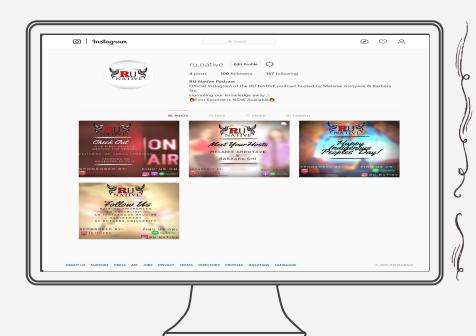
Episode 10: Jacob Lee

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

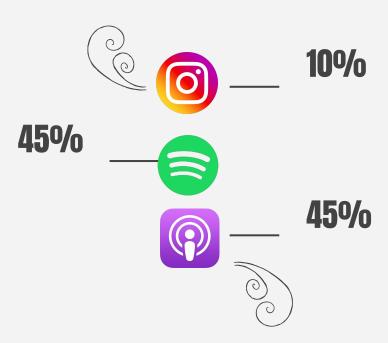


GOALS

- 1. Maintain a steady audience
- 2. Grow following
- 3. Continue to share with both Rutgers & non-Rutgers Community



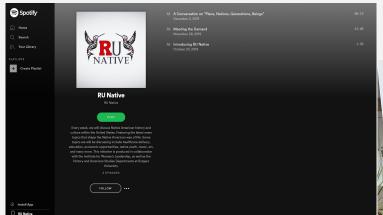
PROMOTION THROUGH



05 1/2. Future Impact

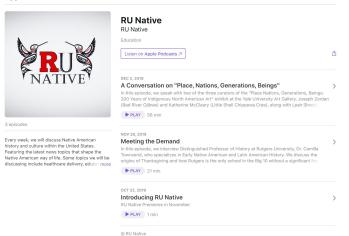


EMPOWERING FUTURE IWL PODCASTERS





Apple Podcasts Preview







"When the Indian, being a man and not a child or thing, or merely an animal, as some of the would-be civilizers have termed him, fights for his property, liberty, and life, they call him a savage. When the first settlers in this country fought for their property, liberty, and lives, they were called heroes, When the Indian in fighting this great nation wins a battle it is called a massacre; when this great nation in fighting the Indian wins, it is called a victory."

Susette La Flesche A.K.A INSHATA-THEUMBA Excerpt from her 1880 Essay "The Indian Question"



THANK YOU!



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