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Nov '26–May '27

Mon. **4–5:30 PM** **AASC**

Teaching Asian American and Pacific Islander Histories Webinar Series



This eight-part webinar series highlights content from ***Foundations and Futures***, a multimedia textbook from UCLA's Asian American Studies Center. You can register for this virtual webinar at this link: **bit.ly/TeachingAAPI**

Nov 2

Mon. **5:30–7:30 PM** **AASC**

Phoenix of GazaXR Opening Reception & Lecture



The Phoenix of Gaza is a virtual reality project documenting life in Gaza through 360-degree videos, showcasing its culture, history, and resilience. The exhibit will open with a poetry reading by Fady Joudah and a lecture by the co-founders of the Phoenix of Gaza, Professors Ahlam Muhtaseb (CSU-SB) and Naim Aburaddi (Villanova). The lecture and reading will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.

Location: Broad Art Center, UCLA

RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-phoenix-of-gazaxr-opening-night-at-ucla-tickets-2002108511453

Nov 4 & 18

Wed. **10:30 AM–2 PM** **AISC**

American Indian Studies Center Library (AISC Library) "Coffee Break"

Join us at the AISC Library for a coffee break.

Location: AISC Library, Campbell Hall 3214

Nov 4

Wed. **5:30–8 PM** **AISC**

Artist Talk: Olinda Silvano, Erick (Ronin) Arias Silvano, and Sadith Esther Silvano Inuma



Presented in partnership with the UCLA American Indian Studies Center as part of its Mellon grant initiatives, this public conversation will bring together Shipibo-Konibo artist and cultural leader Olinda Silvano with collaborators Erick (Ronin) Arias Silvano and Sadith Esther Silvano Inuma, in dialogue with moderator Shannon Speed, director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center; professor of American Indian studies, gender studies, and anthropology; and special advisor to the Chancellor on Native American and Indigenous affairs.

Location: Fowler Museum

RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artist-talk-olinda-silvano-collaborators-tickets-1999042696518?aff=oddtdtcreator

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Nov 9
Mon. **1–4 PM** **AISC**

One Bead at a Time: Circles of Creativity and Community

Session #2: Open Beading Circle



Co-sponsored by the UCLA American Indian Studies Center Library & the UCLA Native American and Indigenous Student Success Center (NAISSC). The UCLA American Indian Graduate Student Association (AIGSA) warmly invites you to attend One Bead At A Time: Circles of Creativity & Community.

Location: UCLA American Indian Studies Center Library, Campbell Hall, Floor 3, Room 3214 **RSVP here**

Nov 10
Tues. **11 AM–2:50 PM** **AISC**

Indigenous Law and the Prospects of Treaty-Making in Australia: Recent Developments



The UCLA Native Nations Law & Policy Center invites students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us for "Indigenous Law and the Prospects of Treaty-Making in Australia: Recent Developments," featuring Professor Kirsty Gover of Melbourne Law School.

Session 1, 11 AM-12:40 PM, UCLA Law, Room 2467
Session 2, 1:10–2:50 PM, UCLA Law, Room 1457

RSVP: https://bit.ly/NNLPC-Gover

Nov 13
Fri. **12:15–1:15 PM** **AASC**

From the China Initiative to Today: U.S.–China Tensions, Civil Rights, and Academic Exchange



U.S.–China tensions are shaping domestic policy far beyond traditional diplomacy and national security. This conversation examines how initiatives that came to the fore during the China Initiative (2018-2022) continue to shape debates about research security, state laws limiting property ownership, and restrictions on international students and scholarly collaboration.

Location: UCLA Law, Room 1457 **RSVP here**

Nov 14
Sat. **12–3 PM** **AISC**

A Conversation with Leonard Peltier

You are invited to attend an intimate conversation with Leonard Peltier, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, a lifelong activist, and a member of the American Indian Movement. In conversation with Shannon Rivers, member of the Akimel O'otham Nation, spiritual leader, human rights activist, and advisor to BRAID, Leonard Peltier will reflect on his life, experience of incarceration, and the vital role of books, literature, and art during his time in prison.

Location: UCLA Law, Room 1347

RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-with-leonard-peltier-tickets-2003379576242

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