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Plateau Center for Native American Research, Collaborations, and Graduate Services

As students, faculty, and staff settle into their spring 2015 schedules, the Plateau Center looks forward to a productive semester. The following paragraphs detail some of the activities in which WSU's Native American and other Indigenous graduate students are engaged. It also highlights some relevant events and general goals. Please look to future newsletters for more information about spring programming and the research mission of the Center.

On February 26–27, WSU's College of Education is hosting its 11th Annual "Globalization, Diversity and Education Conference" at Northern Quest Resort in Airway Heights, Washington. The focus of the conference is "Co-Constructing Identities in Local and Global Spaces." Indigenous Graduate and Professional

Student Association (IGPSA) members Matthew Hale, Greg Urquhart, Angela Picard, Renee Holt, and Paulina Abustan will be among the presenters. Dr. Francene Watson of the Clearinghouse on Native Teaching & Learning will also be presenting. More information is available at the College of Education website: education.wsu.edu/globalization.



IGPSA members are presenting their work at other venues as well. For instance, Paulina Abustan will be part of a panel on multicultural education at the "Critical Questions in Education Conference" in San Diego on February 16. She will also be leading a workshop at the "Future Teachers of Color Conference" at WSU on Feb. 21. All such activities, of course, fall on top of the class work and research in which graduate students are already immersed.

As busy as they are, the graduate students hope to meet semi-regularly on Friday afternoons, in the Native American Graduate Student Center. Students, faculty, and community members who are interested in collaborative, culturally responsive research might benefit from meeting with these students. For the latest update on their meetings or related activities, contact the Plateau Center.

Many graduate students are beginning to think about the next year, and many undergraduates are in the process of applying to graduate school. Anyone who would like to know more about funding available to Native American, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian graduate students should contact me. There is also a list of graduate scholarships at the WSU Native Programs website: native.wsu.edu/support/scholarships.html. Students and potential applicants can also contact Dr. Lori Carris, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, at carris@wsu.edu. The Graduate School is committed to recruiting and supporting Native American students, and they have numerous resources that will help them to do so for qualified students and applicants.

As always, I also urge members of the tribal communities, faculty members, and staff who are interested in responsible, collaborative research to contact me. We will focus much of our effort in the coming months upon developing research relationships geared toward meeting the needs of tribes. For more information about this effort, or for further information about the Indigenous Graduate and Professional Students Association, the Native American Graduate Student Center, or any other aspect of the Plateau Center for Native American Research, Collaborations, and Graduate Services, please contact me, Dr. Ken Lokensgard, at kenneth.lokensgard@wsu.edu or at 509-335-1055.

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