Racist Stereotypes and Cultural Appropriation in American Sports

Thursday, February 7, 2013, 10:15 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Rasmuson Theater
National Museum of the American Indian
4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C.

Join sports writers, scholars, authors, and representatives from sports organizations for lively panel discussions on racist stereotypes and cultural appropriation in American sports. Explore the mythology and psychology of sports stereotypes and mascots, examine the retirement of “Native American” sports references and collegiate efforts to revive them despite the NCAA’s policy against “hostile and abusive” names and symbols, and engage in a spirited community conversation about the name and logo of the Washington, D.C., professional football team. Reception to follow in the Museum’s Potomac Atrium.

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PROGRAM

Welcome
10:15 a.m.
Hon. Kevin Gover, Esq., Director, National Museum of the American Indian

Mascot Origin Myths
10:30 a.m.
Dr. Manley A. Begay, Jr., Moderator. Associate Social Scientist/Senior Lecturer, American Indian Studies Program, The University of Arizona; and Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Dr. E. Newton Jackson, Associate Provost and Professor of Sport Management, University of North Florida
Dr. C. Richard King, Co-Editor, Team Spirits, Native Athletes in Sport and Society, and Encyclopedia of Native Americans in Sports; and Professor and Chair, Department of Critical Gender & Race Studies, Washington State University
Dr. Ellen Staurowsky, Professor, Department of Sport Management, Goodwin School of Professional Studies, Drexel University
Ms. Linda M. Waggoner, Author, Fire Light: The Life of Angel De Cora, Winnebago Artist and “Playing Indian, Dreaming Indian: The Trial of William ‘Lone Star’ Dietz” (Montana: The History Magazine, Spring 2013); and lecturer, Multicultural Studies, Sonoma State University

Lunch on your own
12:15 p.m.

Case Studies
1:30 p.m.
Dr. Suzan Shown Harjo, Moderator. President, The Morning Star Institute; Past Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians; and a Founding Trustee, National Museum of the American Indian
Dr. Lee Hester, Associate Professor and Director of American Indian Studies and Director of the Meredith Indigenous Humanities Center, The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Ms. Lois J. Risling, Educator and Land Specialist for the Hoopa Valley Tribes; and Retired Director, Center for Indian Community Development, Humboldt State University
N. Bruce Duthu, Esq., Chair and Professor, Native American Studies, Dartmouth College
Delise O’Meally, Esq., Director of Governance and International Affairs, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Break
3:30 p.m.

A Community Conversation About the Washington NFL Team Name
3:45 p.m.
Dr. Philip J. Deloria, Moderator. Author, Playing Indian and Indians in Unexpected Places; Professor, History and American Studies, and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan
Hon. Judith Bartnoff, Esq., Deputy Presiding Judge, Civil Division, District of Columbia Superior Court
Mr. Erik Brady, Sports Reporter, USA Today
Rev. Graylan Hagler, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and Immediate Past President, Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice
Mr. Robert I. Holden, Deputy Director, National Congress of American Indians
Mr. Mike Wise, Sports Columnist, The Washington Post