2006 Diversity Grant Proposal

Winona LaDuke Lecture for American Indian Awareness Week

Category: Campus Climate

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Diversity Initiative Grant Amount Requested: $5000
Project Summary

The American Indian Studies Program and Women’s Studies Program are co-sponsoring Winona LaDuke, well-known Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) activist, writer and vice presidential candidate to speak as a part of American Indian Awareness Week, April 10-14. Ms. LaDuke resides on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota where she is the program director of Honor the Earth and the founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project and is a founding member of the Indigenous Women’s Network. She is the recipient of many awards for her humanitarian efforts, including being nominated by Time magazine as one of America’s 50 most promising leaders under 40. In 1996 and 2000 Ms. LaDuke ran for U.S. Vice President with Ralph Nader on the Green Party ticket.

Winona LaDuke will deliver the keynote address at the opening of American Indian Awareness week on the Role of Native American Women in Community Activism at EWU on April 10, 2006 in a campus-wide event that is free and open to the public. She will also meet with EWU Native American and Women’s Studies students, faculty and staff and local Native American leaders and activists. Ms. LaDuke’s visit to EWU is designed to increase awareness on campus and in the Spokane-Cheney community of Native American issues and culture.

In collaboration with the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference Planning Committee, Winona LaDuke will also appear as keynote speaker for the eighth annual Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference on April 11, 2006, held at Spokane Community College. Her keynote address will be open to the public and free to Spokane-Cheney area students.
Detailed Proposal:

Issue or problem project will address and proposed outcomes.

Campus Climate:
Native Americans comprise the largest ethnic minority group in the inland northwest. EWU serves students from seven surrounding Indian reservations, and yet Eastern’s students, staff, faculty and administrators have very little understanding of the historical, cultural, and political concerns of contemporary Native Americans. Despite recent efforts to improve campus climate with regard to diversity at Eastern, there is still a great need for students to learn more about diverse groups and the importance of valuing difference on this campus. The American Indian Studies Program established American Indian Awareness Week over thirty-five years ago as an event to increase awareness of Native American cultures and introduce non-native participants to the accomplishments and contributions of Native Americans locally and nationally.

The Women’s Studies Program and the Women’s Studies Center at Eastern have always considered it a major priority to work in collaboration with on-campus and off-campus groups to provide programs that promote diversity on campus and in the wider community. For the past five years Women’s Studies has co-sponsored at least one event of American Indian Awareness Week with the American Indian Studies Program. Winona La Duke is an ideal speaker to address the mutual interests of American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies on this campus.

Outcomes:
The purpose of the event is to increase awareness on campus and in the Spokane-Cheney community of Native Americans and especially Native American women, as activists, writers and community leaders who effect social change locally, regionally and nationally. Winona LaDuke, internationally known Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) activist and writer, is the Founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project, and the Program Director of Honor the Earth. She has received numerous awards and honors recognizing her work as a national leader and activist on environmental and land issues. She has received degrees from Harvard and Antioch Universities. Winona La Duke is a critically acclaimed author of fictional and non-fictional works, including the novel Last Standing Woman, the nonfiction work, All Our Relations, the collection of essays and articles, The Winona LaDuke Reader, and her most recent book, Recovering the Sacred. Ms. LaDuke is uniquely qualified to increase the EWU campus community’s understanding of Native American issues and to inform them of the initiatives of a prominent American Indian leader to reclaim Indian lands, address environmental problems in the U.S., and contribute to movement toward a multi-cultural democracy in this country.

On a local level, Ms. LaDuke’s activism in the area of environmental issues relating to natural resources on reservations would bring an awareness of and support for the struggles of local Indian nations to protect their lands from further contamination. During her time at EWU, Ms.
LaDuke will have the opportunity to meet with environmental activists from the Spokane Tribe to discuss their efforts to combat the uranium mining contamination plaguing their reservation. It is hoped that Ms. LaDuke’s appearance at EWU’s American Indian Awareness Week will reflect the university’s commitment to supporting local Native American nations in their struggles for sovereignty through education.

While Ms. LaDuke’s all-day visit as a part of American Indian Awareness Week at EWU is the major component of her appearance in the area, she will also be the morning keynote speaker of the 2006 Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference without charging an additional honorarium. The planning committee of the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference consists of representatives from area colleges and universities as well as area businesses and non-profits. The EWU Director of Women’s Studies, Sally Winkle, has been a member of the planning committee since 1999, and the conference is a great opportunity for community outreach for Eastern. The conference usually attracts 300-350 students, faculty, staff and community members from the Spokane area, and many Eastern students, staff and faculty have attended the conference over the years. Conference events, including the keynote speaker, are free to area students. The Women’s Leadership Committee is currently raising funds to help finance Winona LaDuke’s visit to EWU and to the Spokane area conference.

The project of bringing Winona LaDuke as a featured speaker for EWU’s American Indian Awareness Week and for the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference is a collaborative and interdisciplinary project of American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies Programs and entails cooperation with the community committee that is planning the Spokane Area women’s leadership conference. It therefore satisfies the first diversity grant initiative priority. This project also is strategically aligned with the university mission by contributing to a culturally diverse society and by creating an excellent student-centered learning environment. Winona LaDuke’s speaking engagement at EWU addresses the BOT Diversity Initiative goal of helping the university “engage in continuous dialogue and action intended to build a stronger community that is inclusive, respectful and supportive of all its members.” Facilitating Winona LaDuke’s visit to the Cheney campus to celebrate American Indian Awareness Week is a significant contribution to building an inclusive community that supports diversity and unity.

**Project Objectives:**

Increase understanding in the university community of contemporary Native American political and environmental issues.

Demonstrate the cultural and political role of Native American women within their indigenous communities as well as on a national and international level.

Increase awareness on campus of activism and organizing efforts of indigenous people nationally and globally.

Increase understanding in the Spokane-Cheney community of the impact of women’s leadership and women’s roles as community and national leaders.
**Project Design:**
The American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies Programs plan to invite Winona LaDuke to speak at Eastern Washington University as a part of American Indian Awareness week. Winona LaDuke will give a formal presentation at 11 am on April 11, 2006 as the keynote event of American Indian Awareness Week on the EWU campus; the event will be open to the public. Her talk on the Role of Native American Women in Community Activism will be followed by a question and answer session. She will also meet with EWU Native American and Women’s Studies students, faculty and staff and local Native American leaders and activists. There will be an opportunity for her to be interviewed by local media.

On April 11, Winona LaDuke will be the keynote speaker for the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference, which will be held at Spokane Community College. Her keynote address will be open to the public and free to Spokane-Cheney area students.

**Role and Expertise of all Participants:**
Dr. Deirdre Almeida, Ed.D., Director/Chair of the American Indian Studies Program at Eastern Washington University, has over twenty years of expertise in Native American research and activism. Her publications include articles which focus on Indigenous education as well as historical and contemporary Native American women’s issues. Through her position as Director of the American Indian Studies Program at Eastern, she has organized and coordinated American Indian Awareness events for the past four academic years. Programming for these previous years have included presentations by regionally and nationally known Native American speakers and performers and has always involved collaboration with the Women Studies Program and the Women's Studies Center. Dr. Almeida has been a colleague of Winona LaDuke for over twenty years through their mutual activist efforts on behalf of Native Americans.

Dr. Sally Winkle, Ph.D., is Director of Women’s Studies and Professor of German in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. She has helped organize EWU visits by well-known speakers such as Marge Piercy and worked with Carol Vines in planning and coordinating the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Women’s Studies Center in 2002 in addition to other events sponsored or co-sponsored by Women’s Studies. Dr. Winkle is also a long-time member of the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference Planning Committee, which is responsible for coordinating an annual Women’s Leadership Conference held at Spokane Community College for students, faculty, staff, business people and community members in the Spokane-Cheney-Coeur d’Alene area. Dr. Winkle’s publications include a book on the rise of fascism in Germany in the 20th century as well as articles on German women’s literature, German film and teaching German culture.

Carol Vines is the Manager of the Women’s Studies Center and organizes over fifty presentations and programs on women’s or gender issues each academic year. She is also responsible for the Women’s Studies Newsletter, which comes out two to three times a quarter. As manager of the Women’s Studies Center, Carol Vines works closely with American Indian Studies and many other departments and programs across the university to sponsor and co-sponsor a variety of presentations, workshops, and other events.
**Dissemination Plan:**

Event will advertised as keynote event of American Indian Awareness Week on posters and flyers distributed by American Indian Studies across campus and throughout the region. Winona LaDuke’s visit will be listed on the Speakout website as part of their national calendar of events. Ms. LaDuke’s on-campus talk as well as the keynote address at the Women’s Leadership Conference will be announced in the Good Morning Eastern. American Indian Studies will send notice of the event to be published in tribal newspapers. American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies will work together to send press releases to local media to encourage coverage of the event and will send notices to faculty, staff and administration on campus. Women’s Studies will advertise Winona LaDuke’s presentations in the Women’s Studies newsletter.

The Women’s Leadership Conference committee will distribute brochures featuring Winona LaDuke as keynote speaker and listing conference co-sponsors and contributors.

Prior to Winona LaDuke’s visit, American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies will also co-sponsor the viewing of a documentary, *Thunderbird Woman*, that focuses on Winona LaDuke’s activist work on the White Earth Reservation.

**Timetable:**

**January 2006**
- Confirm dates for Winona LaDuke’s at EWU and Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference with Speakout agency.
- Seek and apply for funding and financial support for the event.
- Schedule and confirm campus space for the event on and off campus.
- Begin developing publicity for event.

**February 2006**
- Confirm funding sources and contributions toward event.
- Finalize contract with Speakout for Winona LaDuke’s speaking engagement.
- Make hotel and travel reservations for Ms. LaDuke’s visit to EWU campus.
- Finalize the posters and flyers for the event.
- Contact media about the upcoming event. Begin sending publicity.

**March 2006**
- Continue finalizing event plans with Speakout.
- Continue on and off-campus publicity.
- Continue collaboration in planning Ms. LaDuke’s visit with Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference planning committee.

**April 2006**
- Presentation by American Indian Studies and Women’s Studies Program on April 5 of Thunderbird Woman to promote on-campus interest in Winona LaDuke’s April 10 appearance.
- Winona LaDuke delivers keynote speech for American Indian Awareness Week on April 10, 2006, and participates in other scheduled activities on Cheney campus.
# Budget

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(American Indian Studies will seek other funding to provide for meals and reception)

**Note:**
Winona LaDuke has agreed to speak at the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership conference for no additional honorarium. The honorarium she normally receives for one speaking engagement will cover in this case an entire day of activities at EWU for Indian American Awareness week and a one-hour keynote address at the Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference. Ms. LaDuke will leave for the airport to attend her next speaking engagement right after the leadership conference keynote talk is over at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11. The Spokane Area Women’s Leadership Conference Committee members are currently seeking funds totaling $1700 or more from the educational institutions and businesses they represent to contribute to Winona LaDuke’s honorarium and expenses.

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Education
1992 Doctorate of Education, School of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.
Concentration in Multicultural Education and Teacher Training.

1978 Master's of Arts, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
Concentrations; Cultural Pluralism, specialization in Native American Education.

1976 Bachelor of Arts, History/Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

Professional Experience

2001-present Director. American Indian Studies Program, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA.

1993-2001 Assistant Professor. School of Education, Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.


1992-1993 Visiting Lecturer. School of Education and Women's Studies, University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA.

1990-1992 Teaching Assistant. School of Education and Women's Studies, University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA.

1990-1992 Coordinator. Graduate Women's Program, Everywoman's Center, University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA.


1988-1989 Education Supervisor. Yellowstone County Youth Center, Billings, MT...

1988-1989 Conference Coordinator. YWCA, Billings, MT.
Professional Experience (continued)

1985-1988  Assistant Director of Admissions/Native American Program Coordinator. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.


1979-1983  Director of Education. Cheyenne Home/Saint Labre Indian School. Ashland, MT.


1977-1978  Staff Assistant. Dean of Native American Students, Stanford University. Stanford, CA.

Publications


(*Cultural Survival Quarterly* is the leading international journal focusing on Indigenous peoples and our cultural and political struggles and achievements. Article appears as part of special issue: Reclaiming Native education: Activism, teaching and Leadership.)


(Served as guest editor for the issue which had a special focus on Indigenous education)
EDUCATION
B.A.  Knox College:  German, 1973
M.A.  University of Georgia in German, 1977

Universität Erlangen, Federal Republic of Germany; Exchange Scholarship from Universities of Georgia and Erlangen; Fulbright Travel Grant, 1976-77
Ph.D.  University of Wisconsin-Madison in German Literature, 1984

POSITIONS
1998-present  Director of Women’s Studies, Eastern Washington University
1998-present  Professor of German, Eastern Washington University
1993 - 1996  Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
1988 - 1998  Associate Professor of German, Eastern Washington University
1983 - 1988  Assistant Professor of German, Eastern Washington University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


TEACHING, SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Academic Papers and Presentations at over twenty national, international and regional academic conferences since 1983, on topics including German literature, culture, and film, German unification, teaching interdisciplinary courses, and Women’s Studies at the academy.
Development of interdisciplinary Women’s and Gender Studies Major, approved by EWU faculty governance structure and university administration, and scheduled for implementation in fall of 2006.

Development of interdisciplinary Gender Studies Certificate, implemented in fall of 2004.

Development of two innovative International Studies Courses: 1) a cross-listed course for German and Humanities, “Racism and Nationalism in Central European Film” and 2) an interdisciplinary, team-taught course with History Professor Ann Le Bar, “Twentieth Century Germany: Culture, Political Conflict, Gender and National Identity”.

President of Faculty Organization and Chair of Academic Senate, 2005-06; Vice President of Faculty Organization, 2004-05.

Organization of regional conferences and workshops, community conferences, university speakers, roundtable discussion panels, as well as events for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the EWU Women’s Studies Center.

Co-Coordinator of EWU-Spokane Falls Community College Lübeck Summer Study Abroad Program in Germany, 1997-2004. Director of Lübeck Summer Program, 2003.

Service on numerous department, college and university councils, committees and task forces, Academic Senate, search committees, and promotion committees, from 1983-present.

**GRANTS AND INSTITUTES:**
EWU Diversity Commission Grant and EWU Foundation Mini-Grant (with Carol Vines) to fund Women’s Studies Center 25th Anniversary events during the week of November 12-15, 2002.

East German Summer Film Institute, at Smith College in Northampton, MA, coordinated by University of Massachusetts, Amherst, July 2001.

EWU Foundation Mini-Grant (with LaVona Reeves) to fund Marge Piercy as speaker on EWU Cheney campus on April 13, 2000.

NEH Summer Institute "Teaching German Across the Curriculum" at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI, July-August 1995.

Title III Curriculum Development Grant to develop a New German Cinema course, July-Aug. 1991.

Northwest Institute Studies Award Summer Research Grant for research on Karoline von Günderrode, July-Aug. 1988.


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Education  
BS  Montana State University, 1967

Positions at EWU  
Secretary, School of Business—1983-1985  
Secretary, Women’s Studies Center, 1985-1986  
Program Assistant, Women’s Studies Center, 1986-1990  
Manager, Women’s Studies Center, 1991-present

Responsibilities as Manager of Women’s Studies Center  
1. Plan, develop, coordinate, and maintain the programs, projects and university outreach of the Women’s Studies Center. Network & cooperate with a wide variety of campus and community units. Develop collaborative and integrative programs to support the academic strategic plan  
2. Supervise fundraising events  
3. Serve as a resource and referral for campus and Cheney police officers when victims need support beyond law enforcement parameters [in the absence of the violence prevention advocate]  
4. Respond to students, faculty, and staff regarding incidents of dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.  
5. Prepare narrative brochures, newsletters, policy statements, press releases, and grants.  
6. Supervise Women’s Studies and HOME work study positions  
7. Make appropriate referrals for on- and off-campus inquiries  
8. Chair or contribute to other university committees relating to women’s concerns