

43rd American Indian Workshop
Northern Perspectives, Native Americans in WW II and Current Research
1-4 June 2022 Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

The 43th edition of the AIW was co-hosted by polar.lu and the University of Luxembourg (uni.lu), with assistance from the Institut Grand-Ducal (section Linguistics, Ethnology, Onomastics). It was a hybrid format, in person and online. There was only one session at a time, including one poster presentation. Student and faculty papers were presented according to their topics.

The organizers were Tania Gibéryen and Carlo Krieger (who previously organized AIW 8) of polar.lu.

1. The theme of the workshop, "Northern Perspectives" englobed research about all current, past, and future challenges facing the Native People's/First Nations living in the North, the Arctic, and Subarctic; be it related to Environmental and climate changes, the economy, social cultural aspects, just to name a few.

2. Next to this regional topic, there was a large segment dedicated to "Current research" for papers from any field relating to Native Peoples of North America.

3. A keynote speech by Dr. Harald Prins introduced the third segment which focused on Native Americans who fought in WW II in and around Luxembourg.

4. On the fourth day, the participants went on a daylong a bus trip to memorials for Native American soldiers in the area of the Battle of the Bulge.

Wednesday, June 01

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM **Registration**

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Plenary: Welcome speech by [Carlo Krieger](#)**

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM **Coffeebreak**

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM **Session 1: Panel - Blood and Eugenics as Indian Removal: Perspectives on Current Problems in African-Native Americans**

- [Robert K. Collins](#) - [Angela Gonzalez](#)
- [Gabrielle Tayac](#)

12:15 PM - 01:30 PM **Lunchbreak**

01:30 PM - 03:00 PM **Session 2: Current research - Historical Perspectives on Native American and African American Intersections**

- 01:30 PM - 01:45 PM [Gabrielle Tayac](#) - By Love and By Force: Colonial Era Piscataway Transatlantic Transformations
- 01:45 PM - 02:00 PM [Renate Bartl](#) - Marginalizing African-Native People: American Narratives in Historical Perspective
- 02:00 PM - 02:15 PM [John A. Strong](#) - "A Wicked Indian and a Mischievous Negar Woman Servant": Violence and Resistance on the Long Island Frontier
- 02:15 PM - 02:30 PM [Ashton Pemapanik Dunkley](#) - The State vs. Levin Sockume: Race and Indigeneity on Trial in 19th-Century Delaware

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM **Coffeebreak**

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM **Session 3: Panel - Native North America and Museums: Perspectives and Collaborative Prospects**

- [Robert K. Collins](#)
- [Markus Lindner](#)

06:00 PM - 08:00 PM **Guided tour of Colonialism Expo followed by a reception at the National History and Art Museum in Luxembourg city for registered participants only**

Thursday, June 02

08:45 AM - 09:00 AM **Registration**

09:00 AM - 10:15 AM **Session 4: Northern Perspectives**

- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Georges De Medts - Northern development, ethics, changes and survival in *One day in the life of Noah Piugattuk* (2019) by Zacharias Kunuk and *On the Ice* (2011) by Andrew Okpeaha MacLean
- 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM Sonja Ross - What's in a Name, what's in a Land? - Northern Trade Routes on Indigenous Shores
- 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Laura M. De Vos - "What has been done to us is now being done to you": Transatlantic solidarity in the struggle against radioactive colonialism

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Coffeebreak**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **Session 5: Northern Perspectives**

- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Eugenia Sojka - Performing the Arctic. Prolegomena to the aesthetics and politics of contemporary Inuit performing arts
- 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Johann Strube - Digital citizen science platforms for Fish and Wildlife Monitoring in Northern, Indigenous Communities
- 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Elizabeth Rule - Reconciliation, Retribution, Residential Schools: Indigenous Critiques of Settler Colonialism in Canada

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM **Lunchbreak**

- **ExCom Meeting (over lunch): Preparation of Business Meeting**

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM **Session 6: Current research - Northeast segment**

- 1:00 PM - 1:15 Birgit Hans - Ojibwa Mystery Fiction: Tales of Resistance and Resilience
- 1:15 PM - 1:30 PM Mark L. Thompson - Entangled in the Land: Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America in an Age of Crisis
- 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM Elzbieta Wilczyńska - Reframing Thanksgiving: No Thanks! No giving? or Reciprocating Thanks

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM **Session 7: Current research – History**

- 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM Nancy Mykoff - Telling Stories: Revising "American" History
- 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Roger L. Nichols - Massacring Indians, 1850-1890
- 02:30 PM - 02:45 PM Brian Hosmer - In the wake of *McGirt*: Indigenous Nationhood, Tribal economics, and the interplay of scholarship and sovereignty

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM **Coffeebreak**

03:30 PM - 05:30 PM **AIW Business Meeting - In room and online**

05:30 PM - 05:45 PM **Comfortbreak**

05:45 PM - 06:40 PM **Movie: Searching for Sequoyah** (56 minutes) Films (PBS) by Joshua B Nelson

The highlighted speakers joined the conference online

Friday, June 03

08:45 AM - 09:00 AM **Registration**

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM **Session 8: Current research**

- 09:00 AM - 09:15 AM Hermansky & Sromova - Rapping the Pain Away: Historical Trauma and Cultural Healing in Contemporary Native American Hip Hop
- 09:15 AM - 09:30 AM Livia Savelkova - Lacrosse and its beginnings in Europe in relation to the Native Americans
- 09:30 AM - 09:45 AM Amy Ruckes - Online Exploitation of Native Americans for Political Propaganda

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **Coffeebreak**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM **Session 9: Current research - Transatlantic Connections**

- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Anna L. Schneider - Talking (Back to) Indianthusiasm: Tracing the Connections between Colonialism, National(ist) Identity, and Indigenous Erasure within German Mainstream Discourse
- 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Paul Rosier - Indigenous Perspectives on Environmental Justice and Climate Change
- 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Judit Kádár - Mixed Blood Mobilities: Cognitive Travelers through the Hearts of Empire and Beyond
- 11:15 AM - 11:30 AM Miroslav Černý - The role of Ofelia Zepeda in Tohono O'odham Language and Cultural Revitalization

11:45 AM - 01:00 PM **Lunchbreak**

01:00 PM - 2:00 PM **KEYNOTE: Dr H. Prins: When Luxembourg was 'Indian Country' - Native American Warriors in the Grand Duchy 1944-1945**

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM **Session 10: WWII**

- 02:00 PM - 02:15 PM E. Richard Hart & Charles T. Borg - World War II Veterans from the Colville Reservation
- 02:15 PM - 02:30 PM Mark van de Logt - Our Flag Is Waving Over Their Land: Arikara Participation in World War II
- 02:30 PM - 02:45 PM Eric D. Singleton - Nations at War! Field Sketches of a Pawnee Warrior in World War II

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM **Coffeebreak**

03:30 PM - 04:45 PM **Session 11: WWII**

- 03:30 PM - 03:45 PM Mathilde Roza - North American Indigenous soldiers and the liberation of the Netherlands, 1944-1945
- 03:45 PM - 04:00 PM Ryan Madden - Alaska Natives, the Alaska Territorial Guard and World War II
- 04:00 PM - 04:15 PM Joshua B. Nelson - The Trail of the Thunderbirds—A Balancing Act
- 04:15 PM - 04:30 PM Lindsay G. Robertson - McGirt v. Oklahoma: The U.S Supreme Court and Federal Indian Law in the 21st Century

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04:45 PM - 05:00 PM **Final Conference Discussions**

05:00 PM - 05:30 PM **Concluding remarks**

07:30 PM - 10:00 PM **Conference dinner**

Restaurant Um Dierfgen - 6, Côte d'Eich, L-1450 Luxembourg

Saturday, June 04

BUS TOUR

Luxembourg and Belgium

Historic site visits: WWII & First Nations - for registered participants only

Only for registered conference participants. Free excursion.



08:45 Departure in Luxembourg-city (at the Gëlle Fra)

09:00 **Luxembourg American Cemetery at Hamm** (L) - Visit of Native American soldiers' tombs. American Battle Monuments (abmc.gov).

11:00 **SchumansEck** (L) - Historic Battle Site of the Battle of Bulge - Guided tour - National Liberation Memorial (visit-eislek.lu)

more information available here: <https://schouldoheem.lu/lu/activites/land-memory-schumannseck>

12:30 Lunch in Bastogne (B)

14:30 **101 Airborne Museum** (www.101airbornemuseumbastogne.com)

Visit of the **Native American Memorial in Recogne** (B)

16:00 **Photo exhibition: The Family of Man** at the Castle of Clervaux (L) (<https://steichencollections-cna.lu>)

General information on the WWII in Luxembourg available here:

https://zpb.lu/pedagogical_cpt/wwii_in_lux/

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