

## CFP: Indigenous Interfaces

**Date :** December 4, 2011

Seeking scholars, activists, artists, performers and educators for Indigenous Interfaces, a day-long symposium exploring the interactions, representations, connections, and coordinations concerning Indigenous peoples and issues. We welcome panels, papers, performances, readings, artistic work, artist talks, roundtables, workshops, and other forms of presentation.

Interfaces are the common surfaces or connections between two or more boundaries, whether or not those boundaries are permeable, solid, or in formation. They refer to a form of communication and interaction, and can enable separate and sometimes incompatible elements to coordinate effectively. This includes Native and non-Native interactions, but also divisions within communities, the creation of communities, issues of borderlands and internal or personal divisions.

Possible topics and themes may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- forming community through media
- social networking and Indigeneity
- the Indigenous gaze
- the Tribal card as interface
- passing for White/Hispanic/Native
- the (il)logics of 'Native' themed exhibitions
- Native and Indigenous epistemologies in the academy, sciences, and other arenas, including Native technoscience
- heritage language as interface
- problems of legibility and representation in the academy
- visual sovereignty and practices of representation
- Indigenous mapping, way-making and landscape
- activism and effecting change
- art and storytelling as interface
- the productive differences and similarities between Native, Indigenous, Aboriginal, First Nations and other identifications

This is not an exhaustive list. Other topics welcome.

If you are interested in participating, please send a title for your presentation, the type of presentation, and a short abstract (or trailer, sample, artist statement, or other appropriate summary documentation) to Max Liboiron ([max.liboiron@nyu.edu](mailto:max.liboiron@nyu.edu)) and David Samuels ([dws2004@nyu.edu](mailto:dws2004@nyu.edu)) by December 15th, 2011. If your institution is interested in partnering with us, please let us know.

The symposium will take place from noon onwards on Friday, February 10th, 2012, at New York University.

It is sponsored by NYU's Native Studies Forum (NSF) and Native American and Indigenous Students' Group (NAISG)