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CELEBRATES
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2017

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
November 2, 2017
The History of the Kiowa Black Leggings Society
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Room 1548, MIB

RESUME AND INTERVIEW WORKSHOP
November 7, 2017
Eliminating Hiring Barriers through Resume Building
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
John Muir Room, MIB
Effective Interview Skills
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
John Muir Room, MIB

INDIAN TACO SALES
November 7, 2017
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Bison Bistro, MIB

ROC YOUR MOCS
November 15, 2017

Thank You for Attending Today’s Celebration!

STANDING TOGETHER
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anton Treuer

Dr. Anton Treuer (pronounced troy-er) is Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University. He has a B.A. from Princeton University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. An internationally renowned expert on issues such as cultural and language preservation, Dr. Anton Treuer has written 14 books, is a regular presenter at conferences and workshops. His book, *Ojibwe in Minnesota* was named Minnesota’s Best Read by the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress in 2010. At BSU, he taught Ojibwe language courses and classes on Ojibwe culture, history and literature. Prior to joining the BSU faculty, Anton spent four years as an assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society:

The Kiowa Tribe has had an elaborate warrior organization since before any recorded history of the tribe. The structure of the overall organization and the songs, dances, dress and ceremonies of each of the elements were well established and carried on when first discovered by white explorers about 200 years ago. The Kiowa Warrior organization was known as “Yap-Pah-Hay” (warriors). Other plains tribes had similar organizations called “Dog Soldiers.” The Kiowa warriors were the best “horse mounted force” in the Plains since the early 1700’s. This applied to all warrior societies and to all members of the tribe. Historians have stated the Kiowa’s had more horses per individual tribal member than any other tribe in the United States.

**PROGRAM**

**Master of Ceremony**
Mr. Clayton Old Elk

**Blessing**
Mr. Erny Zah
Director, Communications Media Affairs
Navajo Transitional Energy Company

**Presentations of Colors**
Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society

**Flag/Veteran Song**
Black Bear Drum Group

**Welcome Remarks**
Mr. John Tahsuda, III, JD
Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

**Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Anton Treuer
Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University

**Introduction of the Blackleggings Society**
Mr. Clayton Old Elk

**Closing Remarks**
Mr. Bryan Rice
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Closing Prayer**
Mr. Clayton Old Elk

**Traveling Song**
Black Bear Drum Group

Please Visit the Native Vendors and Join Us for Other Events throughout November.