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Exhibits highlight Native American history, traditions

Sacramento State is hosting a number of special exhibits in October in conjunction with the Oct. 3-5 California Indian Conference and Gathering. Story

"Stories of the River, Stories of the People: Memory on the Klamath River Basin" is an exhibit about the Hupa, Yurok and Karuk people of Northwestern California whose livelihood was endangered with the construction of eight dams on the Klamath River. It is in the Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall 1000, through Friday, Dec. 13. The exhibit is curated by Brittani Orona. Gallery hours are noon-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A reception will be held noon -6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3.

“The Frank LaPena Collection” runs through Friday, Nov. 29, in the Department of Special Collections and University Archives, located in the University Library. LaPena is a former Sacramento State professor and a director of Native American Studies. A nationally known artist, LaPena is a poet and activist for human rights whose contributions include photographs, exhibition catalogs, journals and artworks. The exhibit is curated by Valerie Garcia and assisted by Laura Rasmussen. Project supervisor is Sheila O’Neill, director of the department. Hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“Mapping Heritage, ‘Shooting our Imaginations’: Early Works by Frank Day,” is in the University Union Art Gallery through Thursday, Oct. 24. Day created more than 250 works on canvas mapping the traditional world of Maidu life, language and landscape. The exhibit is curated by Terri Castaneda and Valerie Garcia. Exhibit hours are 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. A reception will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, and special extended hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. are in effect Saturday, Oct. 5.

“The Americana Indian: American Indians in the American Imagination,” features more than 150 artifacts representing the imaginary figure of the American Indian in popular culture and commercial representations. Curated by Sacramento State Professor Brian Baker (baker@csus.edu), director of Native American Studies, the exhibit runs through Friday, Nov. 29, in the Library Mezzanine. Library hours are 7:15 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:15 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday.
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